

# 4-H Newsletter

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## Missoula County 4-H enters the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

In an effort to increase our online presence and hopefully keep people more informed and engaged, we have started a new Missoula 4-H Blog, a Facebook page, and a Twitter page.

We have had the Missoula County 4-H website since early 2007. The website has separate pages for Newsletters, Forms, Committees, Clubs, a Calendar and more. The blog is like an interactive version of an online newsletter. You can read about the latest 4-H news, see pictures, find links, and even comment on news items. The Facebook page is for those who have or will have a Facebook account. Here you can find recent news, upcoming events, and announcements. Finally, the Twitter page is a quick and easy way to send out brief announcements - 140 characters or less.

If you have a Twitter account, you can choose to "follow" the Missoula 4-H updates. If you have a Facebook account, you can "become a fan" of the Missoula County 4-H page. The blog is like an interactive website, and the "old" website, is a great way to host several pages and store lots of information.

Be sure to check out the 4-H communication survey on the blog. Below are the links for the website and the blog. Links to the Facebook and Twitter pages can be found on the blog. Go online, experiment with the different tools, and let us know which ones work best for you!

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Missoula County 4-H blog: [www.missoula4h.blogspot.com](http://www.missoula4h.blogspot.com)

The collage consists of four screenshots:

- Website:** A screenshot of the Missoula County MSU Extension Service website. The navigation menu includes Home, News, 4-H, Horticulture, Plant Clinic, Nutrition, Family, Agriculture, and More. The main content area features a large image of a group of people and a headline: "The 4-H Youth Development Program is the largest out of school youth program in the U.S., with over 7 million members and 500,000 teen and adult volunteers."
- Blog:** A screenshot of a blog post titled "Teen Council Update: 4-H Carnival" dated Sunday, March 29, 2009. The text describes the newly formed Missoula County 4-H Teen Council and their goal of hosting a 4-H Carnival. It mentions that the carnival is a fundraiser and involves all 4-H Clubs. The post also mentions a trip to Ravalli County for the Teen Council.
- Facebook:** A screenshot of the Missoula County 4-H Facebook page. The page has a cover photo of a building and a post that reads: "Two new posts added to the Missoula 4-H Blog. One about Rabbit Project workshops, one about the Teen Council trip to Ravalli's 4-H Carnival." The page also shows a "Write something..." box and a "Share" button.
- Twitter:** A screenshot of a Twitter post from the account @missoula4h. The tweet says: "Two new posts added to the Missoula 4-H Blog. One about Rabbit Project workshops, one about the Teen Council trip to Ravalli's 4-H Carnival." The tweet is dated 2:58 PM on March 29, 2009.

Arrows indicate the flow of information: "Blog" and "Twitter" have arrows pointing to the right, "Website" has an arrow pointing down, and "Facebook" has an arrow pointing down.

# Drama Festival

**Congratulations to the New Meadows 4-H Club** for winning the Overall Outstanding Play award for their performance of "Who Killed Hamlet?" at the 2009 4-H Drama Festival. The festival was held Saturday, March 7th, at the community center in Potomac. Thanks to the Potomac Valley 4-H Club for hosting the event. **Special thanks** to Paula Marcinkowski and Cindy Arnott for serving as judges; The Potomac Community Center for donating the facility; All the homemade pie makers; Everyone who bid on the pies to support the 4-H Ambassadors; All the family and friends who came to support the 4-H Clubs.

## New Meadows 4-H Club

### *Who Killed Hamlet?* (Craig Sodaro)

- Outstanding Actor: Garrett Hueffed
- Outstanding Supporting Actor: Spencer Reh
- Outstanding Supporting Actress: Isabel Reh
- Ensemble Award: Kyle Doyle, Spencer Reh, Garrett Hueffed
- Set Design: Entire Club - clever use of boards; simple, effective
- Outstanding use of technology: Entire Club

## Overall Awards

- Outstanding Play: Who Killed Hamlet?
- Outstanding Actor: Garrett Hueffed
- Outstanding Actress: Annika Erickson
- Outstanding Supporting Actor: Spencer Reh
- Outstanding Supporting Actress: Emma Swartz
- Outstanding Ensemble: Kyle Doyle, Garrett Hueffed, Spencer Reh
- Outstanding Special Effects: Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club



*New Meadows 4-H Club*

## Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club

### *The Way-Out Wizard of Oz* (Val R. Cheatham)

- Outstanding Actor/Actress: Sam Zeiser
- Outstanding Supporting Actress: Emma Swartz
- Outstanding Costume: Sandy Johnson
- Enthusiasm Award: Entire Club - team spirit and cooperation
- Set Design: Entire Club - tumble weeds, other special effects

## Potomac Valley 4-H Club

### *The Ransom of Emily Jane* (Carolyn Lane)

- Outstanding Actress: Annika Erickson
- Outstanding Supporting Actress: Mersaydees Cheff
- Ensemble Award: Entire Club - excellent performance by young actors (under 11)
- Enthusiasm Award: Entire club - tremendous



*Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club*



*Potomac Valley 4-H Club*

## Local 4-H News

**Missoula 4-H Teen Council:** Read about the Teen Council's trip to the Ravalli 4-H Carnival on the Missoula 4-H Blog ([missoula4h.blogspot.com](http://missoula4h.blogspot.com)). The next meeting of the Teen Council will be **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 3pm** at the Extension Office. Remember to bring somebody new!

**Community Service Left out of the March newsletter:** Lolo Creek 4-H Club has done annual food drives for Missoula 3:16 rescue. The members have volunteered at the humane society, visited a nursing home, and on special request, they also took lambs to a church's Easter service.

**4-40-400: Challenge from the Rocky Mountain Packers:** You read in the December newsletter that the Montana 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a challenge to 4-H Members, Clubs and Councils. The 4-H Foundation has challenged each Member in the state to donate \$4, each Club in the state to donate \$40, and each Council in the state donate \$400.

*The Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club has challenged other 4-H Clubs in Missoula to meet the Foundation's request. The Packers donated \$242 to the Montana 4-H Foundation with the proceeds from their annual Pancake Breakfast. If you have questions, or if you would like more information about the challenge, please call Campbell at the Extension Office at 258-4203.*

**Did you know?** Missoula County 4-H currently has 440 members enrolled.

- 15% of our members live on farms or ranches, 25% live in the city, and 55% of our members live in rural areas.

At 11.82%, there are more Missoula County 4-H members in 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade than in any other grade.

- 25.45% of our members are in Grades K-3, 48.41% are in Grades 4-8, and 26.14% are in Grades 9-12. Now you know.

## Reminders

**Add/Drop Date:** The last day to add new projects or drop existing projects from your 4-H Projects list is **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. This helps Colleen keep the database up to date, and helps us know how many interview judges we need to recruit for the Fair.

### **The Annual 4-H Phon-a-Thon is coming up soon!**

Come to the Extension office starting at 5:30 pm on **Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, and help us raise money for 4-H - and for you! 4-H Members get to use half of the money they raise during the Phon-a-Thon toward 4-H Program expenses like Camps, Congress, Horse Shows and more. We have a list of people who have donated to Missoula 4-H in the past, but you can also bring your own numbers. Often, the people who you personally know are more willing to donate money to 4-H if they know it will also help you. If you have questions about the Phon-a-Thon, just call Campbell at the Extension Office at 258-4203. See you there!

# Horse News

**Correction from March Newsletter:** The results of the Fall 2008 Missoula County 4-H Horse Judging Contest were not reported until the March/April 2009 Newsletter - and then we mis-reported the results! Below are the actual results from the contest. Special thanks to Flying H Stables of Missoula, and to owners Barbara and Colbert Howell and their staff and riders for the hospitality. The actual results from the contest are below:



## Novice

1st Place: Adeline Richardson

2nd Place: Morgan Tucker

## Junior

1st Place: Austin Patterson

2nd Place: Colter Miller

## Senior

1st Place: Secora Richardson

**Oberlander Tour: Re-scheduled:** If you missed it the first time, you're in luck! We had to postpone the tour of Bob Ricketts' Oberlander Horse ranch near Polson because of bad weather on March 29<sup>th</sup>. **We have re-scheduled the trip for Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.** You can drive on your own, or meet at the Extension Office to ride the bus. The bus will leave at 11am, and it only costs \$2 per person. The 4-H Horse Committee will cover the rest of the bus cost. Families are welcome to attend.

*Please RSVP to Sigi Olson, Horse Superintendent, at 244-5235.* On the day of the event, please come dressed for the weather - it could be cold, wet or windy - we will be outside all afternoon. There will be an opportunity for 4-H Horse Project members to ride - make sure you have turned in all your horse forms before the 19<sup>th</sup>, in order to be eligible. Bring your helmets, boots, a sack lunch and drinks (no "adult" beverages, please). We will provide coolers, cups and water. See the March newsletter or the 4-H blog for more information ([missoula4h.blogspot.com](http://missoula4h.blogspot.com)).

**Horse Forms Due:** Both 4-H Horse forms, the "Me & My Horse" form, and the "Horse Member Participation" form are due no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Horse Member Participation form - also known as the "Horse Release" form - is due before you ride horses or work around horses. Most of you should have already turned this in. If you are not sure if we have your forms, please call or email Campbell at 258-4203 or [cbarrett@montana.edu](mailto:cbarrett@montana.edu).

**The Horse Magazine available:** The Extension Office has subscribed to The Horse magazine as a resource for Horse Project and Vet Science Project members. Back issues are available to check out from the office for use in project meetings, or just to read. There is a sign-out sheet in Campbell's office. More information can be found at [www.thehorse.com](http://www.thehorse.com). As a subscriber, we receive frequent email newsletters from this site. If you would like to sign up to have a copy forwarded to you, please email Campbell at [cbarrett@montana.edu](mailto:cbarrett@montana.edu).

**MSU Equine Conference and Trade Show in Bozeman April 17-18:** The Equine Conference, if registered before April 1, will cost \$45 for adults and \$25 for students. The cost after April 1 is \$55 for adults and \$35 for students. The conference is sponsored by the MSU Extension Horse Program and will be held in the Miller Livestock Pavilion at MSU and the Gran Tree Inn and Convention Center in Bozeman.

For more information, go to [www.animalrange.montana.edu](http://www.animalrange.montana.edu) and click on "Conferences" or contact Julie Hager at 406-994-7953 or [jhager@montana.edu](mailto:jhager@montana.edu).

## Livestock News

**Quality Assurance videos:** Below are the current QA video requirements from the Fairbook:

As of the September 19, 2007, Livestock Committee meeting, Quality Assurance (QA) videos must be watched on the member's first and third year in the project. The first-year video is "The Line in the Sand" by Jeff Goodwin. This video is the same for all first year members in all project species. The third-year video is specific to the project species (beef, swine, sheep). After the third year, there is no QA video requirement. *It is the expectation of the Extension Office that quality assurance programming is taking place in club or project meetings, and that the video serves as the minimum requirement until a more comprehensive QA program is developed.*

If you have any questions, call or email Campbell at the Extension Office.

**4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest - Saturday, April 25, 8:30am:** The contest will be held at the Ag Education Center. This is a great way to practice your livestock selection and evaluation skills without traveling across Montana to another county's contest. The top Junior, Senior and FFA judges will receive a Montana Silversmiths belt buckle, and the top Novice Judge will receive an embroidered folding chair. Senior 4-Hers can earn a paid trip to 4-H Congress! The registration form is on our website, or you can call or email Campbell to have one sent to you.

**4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Circuit:** The following Circuit contests are still up-coming. Ages will be based on the student's 4-H age for the 2009 4-H year, (as of October 1, 2008)

- District 5, Beaverhead County Judging, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Held at Sitz Angus.
- District 1, Missoula County Judging, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- District 6, Lewis and Clark County Judging, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.
- District 7, Montana Fair Contest, Billings - August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. 8:00 a.m.

**Advanced Youth Market Beef Project Tour:** A tour has been scheduled for **June 4-5** in the Billings area. This tour is being offered to any 4-H member age 14 and up as of October 1, 2008. This event is designed to give participants an inside look at various aspects of the beef industry including feed companies, feedlots, and processing facilities, and hopefully stimulate some interest in the 4-H Advanced Youth Market Beef project.

One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to Stillwater Pack in Columbus, where we will be observing an animal being processed from start to finish. This will be a highly educational and fun thing to do. Participation will be limited, so register early. Registration is due to the Judith Basin County Extension Office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact the Missoula Extension office for registration forms or more information.

#### **Montana Livestock Forum - Nutrition Conference: April 21-22 in Bozeman**

The conference, titled "They're Black and They've had their Shots ... Any other Questions?" will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 21 and 22, at the Gran Tree Inn. Cost to attend both days of the conference is \$65. Attending one day only costs \$45 for Tuesday and \$30 for Wednesday. To register, call (406) 994-3414, send an e-mail to [anitag@montana.edu](mailto:anitag@montana.edu) or write Anita Gray, 221 Linfield Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT. 59717.

Ranchers will hear a variety of presentations during the annual conference sponsored by the Montana Feed Association and Montana State University Extension. They'll learn about five places they can save money and five places they can spend it, for example. They'll hear talks on value-added issues, beef industry and consumer demand, and more.

## **New News**

**4-H Extravaganza Committee Meeting:** You read about the 4-H Extravaganza in the March newsletter. The Extravaganza will be held **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, at the Ag Education Center on South Avenue. If you would like to help plan the details of the Extravaganza, including which workshops are offered, please attend the **Extravaganza Committee meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:30pm at the Extension Office - just prior to the start of the Livestock Committee meeting that night. Anyone is welcome to attend - adults *and* 4-H Members. Remember, the club with the highest percentage of members in Extravaganza attendance (not the committee mtg) wins \$100.

**4-H Congress Orientation:** If you plan to attend 4-H Congress in Bozeman this summer (6/9-12), or if you've never attended Congress before and want to find out more, please attend the 4-H Congress Orientation at the Extension Office on **May 27<sup>th</sup>**, at 6pm. Congress registrations are normally due the first of June, so this is a perfect time to find out if you want to go. You don't have to win a contest to attend 4-H Congress. Anyone who was 14 or older on October 1<sup>st</sup> can go!

**Attention Club Leaders - New for the 2009-2010 4-H Year:** At the March meeting of the 4-H Council Board, the Council voted to approve two proposals from the Extension Office.

- Starting with the 2009-2010 4-H year, clubs will be required to complete and turn in a copy of the Annual Summary Financial Report (page 25 in the Treasurer's Record Book). Clubs are currently required to submit a copy of their September bank statement. This new policy will replace the bank statement requirement.
- Starting this fall, the deadline to re-enroll in 4-H, with forms in the Extension Office, will be enforced by a late fee. Re-enrollment forms that are turned in after December 1<sup>st</sup>, will be assessed a late fee. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, a Rule Exception form must be submitted along with the Enrollment Form. A committee appointed by the 4-H Council will then review the request to determine whether or not the enrollment form will be accepted. While the enrollment deadline has been December 1<sup>st</sup> for some time, the late fee and the rule exception form, are new.

**Fair-related Date Change:** The deadline to turn in your Fair Registration Forms, and to schedule your Fair Interview, has been **changed from June 26<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Registration forms will be sent to Club Leaders for all 4-H Members after May 1<sup>st</sup>. Remember - you don't have to wait until the last minute to register or to schedule your appointment!

## Statewide 4-H News

**Month of the Military Child:** April was established as the "Month of the Military Child" in 1986 by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the annual recognition because he understood and appreciated the challenges encountered by children of the military service members. Throughout the month of April we make a special effort to let our military children know that we honor and appreciate their sacrifices in the same light as we do that of their parents...because military kids serve too! For activities and more information, go to [www.monthofthemilitarychild.com](http://www.monthofthemilitarychild.com)

**Host Families Needed:** Experience another culture first hand by hosting a foreign youth this summer. The 4-H Center for Youth Development has 24 Japanese kids, ranging in age from 12-16, coming to Montana from July 21-August 18. Enthusiastic families are needed to host these youth for the month. No special plans are required just a willingness to share your daily lives with someone from another country. If you are interested, please contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu).

**National Volunteer Week:** The theme for National Volunteer Week, celebrated April 19-25, is "Celebrating People in Action." The theme captures the meaning behind this special week - honoring the individuals who dedicate themselves to taking action and solving problems in their communities.

Please take time to honor your 4-H Club leaders and other volunteers. Let them know you appreciate all their hard work. They are spending their time to help make your 4-H life easier, and to help you become a better person. Don't forget to tell them "thanks."

**State Committee Opportunity:** The State 4-H Award Selection Committee is formed each year to review State Award applications and select State Award winners. Participation on this committee is an excellent opportunity to learn and experience the state award process from a different perspective. The Application deadline for this committee is April 17, 2009. See the State 4-H website, or contact the Missoula Extension Office for an application.

## Camps

**District One Teen Retreat:** "Rebuild and Retreat" at the District One Teen Retreat. Come join teens and adults from District One for a fun-filled weekend at the beautiful Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake! The event starts at 6pm on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, and will end at 2pm on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Teens must be 13 years old by May 1st to attend this event. Time will be set aside for planning for 2010 Rec Lab, which will be hosted by District One. We will also be rebuilding the campfire ring and area for a community service project.

Forms are available from the Extension Office. Please submit Workshop proposals, Registrations, Fee and Medical Release form by April 23rd. Contact Heather Hudson, District One Key Leader, with any question: 240-6419, [hudson@lonerockschool.org](mailto:hudson@lonerockschool.org).

**Ravalli 4-H Teen Camp:** This camp is designed specifically for teens! It will be held July 29-August 1, at the Loon Lake 4-H Camp. It is for youth ages 13 and up. Registrations are due July 17, 2009. Out-of-county youth can apply on May 15, 2009. The cost is \$105, and includes transportation from Ravalli County to camp, 9 meals, snacks, cabin bunk with mattress, hot showers, canoeing, swimming, campfires, fun workshops, games, camp T-shirt and dance. If you have questions, contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611 or [ravalli@montana.edu](mailto:ravalli@montana.edu).

**Chatcolab - Summer Session 2009:** The 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Northwest Leadership Laboratory will be held June 13 -19, 2009, at Camp Twinlow in Rathdrum, Idaho. Who goes to Chatcolab? Leaders from across the west: 4-H volunteer leaders, College, University & Extension faculty and staff; senior citizens directors, health care professionals, Girl Scout leaders, church music and youth ministers, camp directors, parks and recreation program staff, resource recreation and tourism development professionals. For more information go to: [www.chatcolab.org](http://www.chatcolab.org)

**Youth Trapper Camp:** The Montana Trappers Association, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, and Montana 4-H will hold the third annual Youth Trapper Camp, June 14-16, 2009, in the Bears Paw Mountains, south of Havre. The three-day camp will teach responsible trapping, with hands-on instruction on trap setting, fur handling, trapping ethics, sportsman/landowner relationships, health and safety on the trapline, furbearer identification, trapping regulations and outdoor skills. The \$40 camp fee covers the cost of all meals and educational materials. The first 60 young applicants will receive a \$20 FWP-sponsored scholarship, and parents are encouraged to attend. For more information or to request a registration packet, contact Jim or Fran Buell by email at [7mbuell@ttc-cmc.net](mailto:7mbuell@ttc-cmc.net), or call 406-376-3178.

# For Sale

**Attention Shooting Enthusiasts:** The Montana Shooting Sports Committee is currently selling raffle tickets for \$25 (or 5 for \$100) to raise money for 4-H Shooting Sports programs in Montana. The grand prize is a \$2500 gift certificate toward a rifle from Shiloh Sharps in Big Timber, MT. See their website for more information: <http://www.shilohrifle.com/>

**Why not buy a raffle ticket for your Dad for Father's Day?** Even if his ticket is not a winner, it's still for a great cause! For tickets, contact Will Abbot, member of the State 4-H Shooting Sports Committee, at 360-6000, or contact Campbell Barrett at the Extension Office.

**Lora Hughes, Mountain View Kennels,** has two hand-made carts. Her beagle and Norwegian Elkhound pulled these carts and she no longer uses them. She would like to donate to a 4-H member or a 4-H program so they can be used rather than sit idle in her garage. Please contact Lora at 726-4006 if you are interested.

**Suffolk/Hampshire-Cross Lambs** for sale. Born after Feb 12. Contact Debra Lucht (721-4716).

## 4-H CALENDAR

April 8	4-H Horse Committee mtg, Extension Office, 7:00 pm
April 9	4-H Extravaganza Committee, Extension Office, 5:30 pm
April 9	4-H Livestock Committee mtg, Extension Office, 7:00 pm
April 15	Rabbit Project workshop, Extension Office, 6:00 pm
April 16	Hog Weigh In, Ag Education Center, 4:00 - 8:00 pm,
April 19	Oberlander Horse Tour - meet at Extension Office, 11:00 am
April 22	Country Fair Committee, Extension Office, 6:00 pm
April 22	Livestock Judging Practice, Extension Office, 6:30 pm
April 24	Senior 4-H Scholarship Applications due
April 25	4-H/FFA Livestock Judging, Ag Education Center, 8:30 am
April 28-29	Tentative dates - Public meetings with Crandall/Arambula RE Fair
April 29	4-H Phon-a-Thon, Extension Office, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
<b>May 1</b>	4-H Project Add-Drop Deadline
May 1	4-H <i>Horse Release</i> forms and <i>Me &amp; My Horse</i> forms due
May 2	May Clinic for 4-H Horse Project Members, Equestrian Park, 8:30 am
May 6	4-H Council Board meeting, Extension Office, 7:00 pm
May 7	4-H Extravaganza, Ag Education Center, 5:30 pm
May 13	4-H Horse Committee mtg, Extension Office, 7:00 pm
May 14	4-H Livestock Committee mtg, Extension Office, 7:00 pm
May 20	Country Fair Committee, Extension Office, 6:00 pm
May 21	Lamb Weigh In, Ag Education Center, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
May 27	4-H Congress Orientation, Extension Office, 6:00 pm