

APRIL

- 1 **Mini Congress, District Leaders Conference**, Westgate Mall, 9:30 - 3:00
- 1 **Broadwater County Archery Competition**, Townsend
- 2 **Gavel Games**, 4:00 p.m., Highwood Trailer Court Clubhouse
- 3 **Horse Education session**, 7:00 p.m., Anam Cara Equestrian Ctr.
- 3 **Horse Leaders Meeting**, 8:00 p.m., Anam Cara Equestrian Ctr.
- 3-24 **Cross Stitch Club**, Mondays, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 4 **Cloverbud Club**, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Extension Meeting Room
- 4 **Livestock Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 4-25 **Dog obedience continues each Tuesday**, Sheriff's Posse Building
- 4-25 **BB Gun**, 4:00 - 6:00, Tuesday evenings, Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Range
- 6&20 **Robotics**, 6:00 - 8:00, Westgate
- 8&10 **Demonstrations**, Westgate Mall
- 10 **Demonstrations/Speeches**, 6:30, Cascade
- 11 **Crochet**, 4:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 14 **JLC Registration Due**
- 14 **State Award Committee Applications Due**
- 16-22 **National Volunteer Week**
- 19 **Foundation Annual Meeting**, 7:30 p.m., Extn. Meeting Rm
- 20 **Demonstration Finals**, Extension Office
- 24 **Camp Planning**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 28 **State Award Applications Due**
- 28-29 **Shooting Sports Instructor Training**, Lewistown



ALSO:

- People Partner Grants
- Photography Contest
- Exchange Fundraisers



Club Meeting Dates	
All Americans,	1 st Monday
Bootlegger Bandits,	1 st Saturday
Cascade Clovers,	2 nd Monday
Discovering MT,	3 rd Tuesday
Five Falls,	2 nd & 4 th Thursday
Freedom 4-H,	2 nd Tuesday
Giffen Coulee,	2 nd Sunday
Great Falls Giggles,	2 nd Monday
Happy Hooligans,	2 nd Monday
Highwood Hustlers,	1 st Sunday
Missouri River Riders,	4 th Mon.
Montana Sunsets,	2 nd Sunday
Psychedelic Rasp,	1 st Tuesday
Running Free,	2 nd Sunday
Tiger Butte,	1 st Sunday
Ulm Pishkun,	1 st Sunday

LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY

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| 1 | LAST project drop/add date or join 4-H | 9 | Crochet |
| 1 | Market swine & lambs in possession | 9 | Livestock Quality Assurance class, Extension office, 7 p.m. |
| 1 | Horse Leaders Meeting | 11 | Fish Prints, Sport Fishing |
| 1-22 | Cross Stitch, Mondays | 12-14 | Junior Leader Camp |
| 2 | Cloverbud Club | 15 | Teen Night |
| 2-23 | Dog Obedience, Tuesdays | 15 | Swine & Lamb <i>Intent to Enter</i> |
| 2 | Livestock Leaders Meeting | | Cascade County Show forms due |
| 3 | Stir-Ups Contest | 19 | Camp Applications Due |
| 4 | Horse Assessment sheets due in office | 20 | Camp Clean-up |
| 4&18 | Robotics | 30 | Congress Orientation |
| 8 | Fashion Revue/Quilt Show | | |

Get Fit 4-H

Stay active even when it's cold. If you find it more difficult to get out in the cold weather, find a buddy so you can encourage each other, wear layers of clothing to adapt to temperature changes and good traction on your feet to avoid slipping. Play at your local park. Discover the changing seasonal landscape of local trails. Try snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, sledding and ice skating.

Keep your body fueled and build up resistance to those winter colds and flu. Eat generously each day from the fruit and vegetable groups. The bright colors of these foods not only provide an array of nutrients but add extra eye appeal to the whole meal.

MAY 1 DROP/ADDS DUE

May 1 is the last day to drop or add projects. If you enrolled in a project that you have not had an opportunity to work in, you should drop it for this year. If you have been working in a project you are not enrolled in, you will need to add it to your enrollment by May 1. You cannot enter projects in the fair for a project you are not enrolled in. May 1 is also the last day for members to enroll in the 4-H program for the 2005-2006 year.

AMBASSADOR NEWS

Hello everyone! Here is an update on what your ambassadors have been doing this month. March 7 we helped Cloverbuds learn all about robotics. Billy Hansen gave a presentation about programming a robot to do a certain job and demonstrated how a robot he made can sort gumballs by color. Cloverbuds then got to have fun making their own robots out of legos. On the March 28 Teen Activity Night we will be making pizza with our favorite toppings. We will all be enjoying yummy pizza and participating in fun games. *Kelsey Anderson*

CLOVERBUD CLUB

Tuesday, April 4

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Extension Meeting Room

This month's program will be electrifying. Any Cloverbud is welcome to come and join the fun!

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS

Congratulations to these Cascade County 4-H Clubs who received People Partner Grants from the Montana 4-H Foundation.

Giffen Coulee, \$250.00 to make fleece blankets for foster children.

Great Falls Giggles, \$250.00 to make fleece blankets for KITS (Kids in Transition)

Happy Hooligans, \$375.00 to provide school supplies for low income families.

EXCHANGE FUNDRAISERS

Our 4-H Exchange group to Virginia is selling tickets for brunch at **Golden Corral** on April 2 and will be bagging groceries for tips at **County Market** on April 28, 29 and 30. Please lend your support of their efforts.

HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE

The state 4-H office is looking for host families for three exchange students coming for the next school year. A 17 year old girl from Japan, a 15 year old boy from Japan and a 15 year old boy from Russia all need family placement. If interested, contact the Extension Office.

DEMONSTRATIONS

Club leaders have received the registration form for this year's contests. Registration was due March 27th. Demonstration contests are being held April 8th and 10th in Great Falls and April 10th in Cascade. Schedules will be mailed to each Great Falls participant following the registration deadline.

DEMONSTRATION FINALS

Members 14 or older by October 1, 2005, who presented a demonstration at any of the community contests will have the opportunity to present it again on Thursday, April 20th. Schedules will be mailed to participants. Blue placings at this contest may represent Cascade County in the Demonstration Contest at Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman, July 11-14.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 16 - 22 is National Volunteer Week. Thank you to each and every volunteer in the Cascade County 4-H program who contributes so much to the positive

experiences for our youth.

4-H members, take this opportunity to show your appreciation to your 4-H leaders during National Volunteer Week!!

CAMPS! CAMPS! CAMPS!

CAMP PLANNING

Junior directors, directors and chaperons will hold their second camp planning meeting Monday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension meeting room. All junior directors and any adult planning to chaperon camp should be in attendance at this meeting.

2006 4-H CAMP June 8-11

We are looking forward to another great year of fun and friendship at this year's camp. Application forms are included in this newsletter, and are taken on a first come, first served basis with final registration due May 19. Chaperon signature and payment must accompany the application. Camp is held at Camp Rotary between Monarch and Neihart, approximately a one hour drive from Great Falls.

JUNIOR LEADER CAMP

Glacier County will host **Junior Leader Camp** May 12-14 at St Mary's. Members 13 or older by October 1, 2005, will receive a registration form to complete and return to the Extension Office.

Youth Trapper Camp

This camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Dept of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 9-11 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. For more information visit the web at www.montanatrappers.org. Applications are accepted on a first come, first accepted basis.

STATE AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIPS

Any member 14 or older by October 1, 2005, planning to submit an application for state awards or scholarships must have it completed and returned to the Extension Office by April 28th.

Adults interested in serving on the selection committee for this year's state awards must complete an application by April 14. Selection will take place in Missoula on May 16 and 17.

TEEN DAY

Teen Day, sponsored by Alliance for Youth, provides an opportunity to recognize and give thanks to teens for their positive attributes and accomplishments. Teen Day is open to all Cascade County Teens free of charge. It will be held at the UGF McLaughlin Center on Sunday, April 23, for Middle School from 2-5 p.m., and for High School from 5-8 p.m. and will include a dodge tournament and dance. To register for the Dodge Ball tournament or for more information call Stephanie Langston at 268-6780.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Cascade 4-H Foundation will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19th in the Extension meeting room. This will be followed by the regular Foundation meeting. We invite you to join us. Scholarship winners will be announced.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to teen 4-H board members Brianna Driscoll and Madelyn Krezowski who will be completing their terms of service.

Our thanks to all those who contribute generously to the Foundation each year. Following is a list of memorials received by the Foundation this past year:

4-H Foundation Memorials

In Memory of:

ETHEL YOUNG
ANITA LORANG

Donor:

Dan & Kathy Dunn
Randy & Sheryl Knowles
Claire Del Guerra
Betty Henderson
Virgil & Helen Chadwick
Richard & Carrie Reisig
Gerald & Mary Dunn
Thomas, Dean & Hoskins
Denny's Service and Repair
Steve & Patricia Sorich
John & Diana Warner
Dale & Vickie Johnson
Dustin Optical
Doug & Kristi Lorang
Karen Steffan
Bob & Maureen Downey
Gary & Marilyn Parker
Linda Konesky
Board of Directors, Paris
Gibson Square Museum of Art
Cliff & Marie Crawford

Michelle, Nick, Brad,
 Shawn & Cody Kohut
 Dale & Shirley Marxer
 Don, Vera, Fred Pilgrim
 Brenda Byrnes
 Wade Crouch
 Ralph Bloomquist
 John & Sylvia Halko
 Janice Steensrud
 Charles & Marthann
 Dahlen
 Margaret Young
 Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Smiley
 Robert & Annette Inabnit
 Richard & Carolyn Love
 James & Annona Larkin
 Thomas & Juanita Rabe
 Karen Hoffmann
 Tom & Carol Lorang
 Tom & Shelli Davidson
 Delbert & Selma Pasha
 Joseph & Barbara Maurer
 Karl & Donna Anderson
 Jerome & Linda Rearden
 Ron & Sherilu Davis
 Jack & Gail Macek
 Rod & Julie Pribyl
 Bonnie Lorang
 William & LeAnn Budeski
 Robert & Patricia Volk
 Palmina Dahlen
 Cheryl Devine
 Ron & Carol Shipley
 Judy Christensen
 John & Sherry Kinney
 Dorothy Warwick
 Lynda Lee Moser
 Claire Del Guerra
 Claire Del Guerra
 Randy & Sheryl Knowles
 Stanley & Willa Langel
 Bill & LeAnn Budeski
 Terry & Dolly Dwyer
 Ron & Carol Shipley
 Dan & Kathy Dunn
 Randy & Sheryl Knowles

CELE FORZLEY
ROBERT MALISANI
DON HARRISON

LEO OGG

PROJECT WORKSHOPS

ARCHERY COMPETITION: Broadwater County will hold an archery competition on April 1 in Townsend. A registration form and complete information can be obtained at the Extension Office and is due March 24.

BB GUN begins Tuesday, April 4 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Range (call office for

directions). You will shoot two rounds of targets each night. Allow one hour to shoot, and arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. **Final State Fair shoot will be April 25th.**

You must be enrolled in the BB Gun project and show your membership card to begin on April 4. You will need to pay a \$10.00 fee at the first class which will cover the cost of targets, BB's and range use. All equipment is provided.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING is being held in Lewistown April 28-29. Leaders can choose to be certified in one of the following: rifle, archery, pistol, muzzle loading or shotgun. Cost is \$50.00. Fifty percent of the registration and travel costs will be covered by the Cascade 4-H Foundation.

After completing this course, leaders will be certified to instruct in the discipline they have completed.

Registration and complete information is available at the Extension Office.

CAT: Watch the May newsletter for details of the next cat workshop. A Cat Fun Day is being held in Helena on Sunday, May 7. Registration can be picked up at the Extension Office and is due May 1.

CROCHET will meet Tuesday, April 11th at 4:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting room with instructor Billy Hansen.

CROSSSTITCH: Classes continue every Monday at 4:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room with instructor Carol Linafelter.

DOG OBEDIENCE: Classes continue every Tuesday evening in April at the Sheriff's Posse Building with instructors Nicki Dryden and Cathy Bessette.

FASHION REVUE and QUILT SHOW: Mark your calendars for Monday, May 8 to participate in the Fashion Revue and Quilt Show. There were lots of great garments constructed at Clothing Camp and we hope to see all of them modeled in the fashion revue. Quilts that were made at the December workshop, pillows from Project Day and any quilting project you have been working on may be shown at the quilt show. You may participate in both.

A registration form is included in this newsletter and must be returned to the Extension Office by April 28th.

GAVEL GAMES: Gavel Games instruction will be held Sunday, April 2 at 4:00 p.m. at the Highwood Trailer Court Clubhouse, 3800 8th Ave. North. You must call the Extension Office to register and let us know you are coming. This parliamentary procedure contest is one area

for members 14 or older by October 1, 2005, to qualify to attend **Montana 4-H Congress**.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST: If you are a Montana youth under 18 years old, enter a photo of yourself or your friends involved in experiential learning through Montana 4-H, and you just might win \$100.00. One \$100.00 prize and two \$50.00 prizes will be given for our favorite photos that show pictures of kids *learning by doing*. Entries are due May 15. Complete information and contest entry form can be obtained from the Extension Office.

ROBOTICS classes will be Thursday April 6 and 20 at Westgate Mall with leader Dave Dower and assistants April Dower, Glen Dower, Billy Hansen, Jacob Hansen, Kirk Lundby, Michael Mehaffey and Mitchell Wanke. Registration for this class is closed.

SPORT FISHING: The **fish printing workshop** which had to be postponed from Project Day has been rescheduled for Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room.

STIR-UPS CONTEST: *Stir-ups* is a comprehensive food contest that entails menu planning, nutrition and cost analysis as well as food preparation. One member 14 or older will be selected from this contest to represent Cascade County at the Montana 4-H Congress contest. The dish you will prepare this year must fit the theme "*Step Up, Step Out To A Healthy Meal*". This year's contest will be held Wednesday, May 3 (beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension meeting room). Any member interested in this contest will want to register to participate and pick up contest information at the Extension Office.

Rabbits and Poultry

Reminder - Rabbit and Poultry 4-H members need to take the LQA class - the next class is March 25th on Project Training Day at the Extension Office. You may also check out the video from the office. **Please note: parent(s) must attend the LQA class with their child.** Another LQA is scheduled for May 9th.

LIVESTOCK LISTINGS

Livestock Leaders Meeting, Tuesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m. at the Extension office.

DIVISION CHAIRS NEEDED for County Show -

Three (3) Division Chairs are still needed for the Livestock Events at the Cascade County Livestock Show. We need Three (3) adults for Swine project. Many thanks to the youth and adults who have already applied.

REMINDER - All 4H members with livestock market or breeding projects and rabbit or poultry projects need to attend a Livestock Quality Assurance Program.

The class offers excellent information about raising your animal for the food supply, selecting shelter, giving medications and other information.

The next Livestock Quality Assurance class is scheduled **March 25, at 12:30 p.m. on project training day**. If you were unable to attend, you may borrow the training video from our library for the information. Any 4-H members who want their market animal to be considered for **Steer of Merit, Symbol of Excellence or Certified Lamb** must complete the Quality Assurance Training. The deadline to complete your training is June 30th. **Please note: parent(s) must attend the LQA class with their child.** A second LQA training class will be offered on May 9th at 7:00 pm. at the Extension Office.

Sheep Clinic and Tour - April 22, 9:30 - 4 pm at Van De Riet's, 87 Meridian Lane. **Please RSVP at 467-2324 as lunch is included!** Informational sessions on selecting, feeding, preparing and showing a market lamb. A full schedule is available at the Extension office.

☛ **Livestock Dates to Remember:**

Apr. 4 Livestock Leaders Mtg., Extension Office
Apr. 23 Livestock Judging, Sunburst call office for info
May 1 Swine and Sheep tagged and in possession
May 9 LQA, 7 p.m., Extension meeting room
May 15 Intent to Enter forms in Extension Office
July 14-16 County Livestock Show, Fairgrounds
July 28-Aug 6 Montana State Fair events

Courtesy Announcements:

Club Lamb/Pig Sale: April 15, Y Knot Equestrian Center, Huntley, MT. For information call Trish 875-2152. Flyer and directions at the Ext. Office.

Pig Sale - April 14th, Paul Stock Agriculture Pavilion, Powell, Wyoming. For more information/directions please call Michael Lackey at 307-754-6463.

HORSE HAPPENINGS

Horse Education—Arena Etiquette - Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anam Cara Equestrian Center, 322 Wilson Butte Rd. From Flag Hill, take Lower River road to the Back Country Store (about 4 miles), turn right onto Willson Butte Road for 3.2 miles. The last mile is gravel. Look for a large white barn on the left. The entrance is well marked.

Horse Leaders Meeting, Monday, April 3, 8:00 p.m., Anam Cara Equestrian Ctr. (after the Education Session).

Attention Horseless Horse project members; you are encouraged to attend this horse education session also.

If you are interested in helping with the **County Horse Show** on July 8-9, please call the Extension Office to sign up. Helpers are always needed at the horse show for awards and runners. This is an opportunity to see first hand, riding events offered through 4-H. If you are enrolled in a horse project but not showing, we encourage you to attend and observe or participate in these horse events.

It's that time of year again!! **Horse Assessments** are due for all 4-H members riding horses in 2006.

Be courteous to your assessor...Schedule a time Now to get your assessments done! HORSE ASSESSMENTS are due in the Extension Office on May 4th. Call your club leader to schedule an assessment or the Extension Office if you need help finding someone to assess your riding abilities. Even if you do not plan to advance to a new level, you will need to be assessed for our records. Please remember to turn in completed assessment forms to the Extension Office. Final deadline to turn in forms is May 4th.

Leaders, be sure **all** horse members are recorded on assessment forms, whether they have been assessed or are staying at the same level. Be sure to include **Project levels, Ranch Horse, Colt to Maturity and Green Horse projects** on form.

Please Note - Wendy Newman will do assessments **by appointment only through April 19th.** Call 452-0665 to schedule.

Reminder - Ranch Horse is a 4-H horse project; you must be enrolled in this project to compete in this class for either County Show, All County Show or State Fair. If you are interested and have not enrolled in Ranch Horse, call the Extension Office and add Ranch Horse to your enrollment **before May 1st.**

Patterns for the County Show, All County Show and Montana State Fair will soon be available at the Extension Office. One set will be available per club; members can copy the patterns from the master lists.

HORSE CLINIC - Joanni Kissock Clinic

Registration forms are available at the Extension Office and on the Cascade County Extension website. Go to Horse and Livestock to download the form. Entries are due by April 10th to avoid the late fee. All entries must be received by April 18 - in the office, not postmarked.
<http://www.montana.edu/cascade/>

☛ Dates to Remember

April 22-23 Joanni Kissock Clinic, Livestock Pavilion
June 17 Missouri River Riders Show, King Eques. Ctr.
July 8-9 County Horse Show
July 22-23 All County Show
Aug.5-6 Montana State Fair Horse Show

Blast from the Past: Black and White -

Missouri River Riders Horse Show is June 17, 2006, at the King Equestrian Center, one mile east of Great Falls. Contact person is Billy Carol Smiley, 761-4275. Pre-registration is encouraged. Fee and registration information will be available in May at the Extension Office.

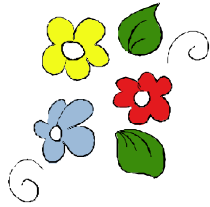
MSU Horsemanship School - June 26-30, 2006 in Bozeman. Registration deadline is May 31 and fills fast.

Parelli Clinics: Dan and Gretchen Thomson, 3-Star Certified Parelli Instructors are offering a number of Parelli clinics in the Bozeman area. More information is available from Margot Doohan, 586-4262 or 579-8898.

West Nile Virus - Helpful Information: Now is the time to start vaccinating your horses against West Nile virus, a disease transmitted by mosquitoes and lethal to horses. Horse owners are encouraged to contact their veterinarian as soon as possible to get the most up to date information to protect your animals.

Just a reminder to check out our Extension Service web site: <http://www.montana.edu/cascade/>

We are getting better at updates and adding information as we go. Links for past newsletters are also posted on the 4-H page.



Sincerely,

Sheryl Knowles

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Cascade County Extension Agents

CASCADE COUNTY APRIL 4-H NEWSLETTER

RECORD BOOKS

4-H is an educational program of Montana State University. As an educational program, we provide “textbooks” for our youth to aid in their learning and growth. You can’t be in 4-H and not be learning something. This is why we have educational requirements, and have been insisting on kids moving progressively through the project levels over time. Every project has specific goals, and youth are instructed to develop at least 3 goals of their own each year.

Record books are a required part of EVERY project. There is no project area of Montana 4-H that is exempt from keeping records - even Cloverbuds have a record form. In 1997, Montana 4-H made it clear that records are a REQUIRED part of each project and must be up-to-date and complete in order to participate in many national, state and county 4-H programs.

Record keeping is an integral part of the 4-H learning experience. All 4-H members are expected to keep their records up-to-date and to complete their records as a part of project completion. Counties can reinforce and support the importance of record keeping by ensuring that records are current and up-to-date for youth who want to attend Montana 4-H Congress, participate in out-of-county exchange trips, apply for awards and scholarships, or participate in other activities.

Criteria for a Complete Record

- _____ Complete all sections of the “My 4-H Year” Journal.
- _____ Identify and achieve at least 3 goals for the 4-H year.
- _____ List any awards and honors received - both 4-H and other.
- _____ Participate in at least 3 additional learning activities during the 4-H year and record them in your journal (ex. Speeches, demonstrations, judging, workshops, contests, tours, reports at club meetings, community service projects, etc.)
- _____ Enroll in and complete at least one project.
- _____ Complete the project and Financial Journal for each project in which you are enrolled.
- _____ If an animal is owned, keep records for it on the Animal Journal according to the type of project carried (ex. breeding, market, pocket pet, etc.).
- _____ Submit your book which includes, as a minimum, the “My 4-H Year” form, followed by the Project and Financial Journal, and if an animal is owned, the Animal Journal. You may include other things to personalized your book (ex. photos, articles, ribbons, memorabilia).

It’s that simple. If your record book meets each of these criteria, your leader will affix a “gold Seal of Excellence” and sign their name to the first page on the form “My 4-H Year.”