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The Legend

Morning Edition
Today, Day of Service, Delegate Session, Hypnotist Show. **Tonight**, 2nd General Session w/ RA's by Summit Browning & Haley Rigler. **Tomorrow**, Dance!

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Junior Ag Mech Show A Success!

4th Annual JAM Show Results

On Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024, the 4th Annual Montana Junior Ag Mechanics (JAM) Show showcased an impressive array of talent, featuring 58 projects meticulously crafted by middle and high school students enrolled in Agricultural Education courses from 22 chapters across the state.

These students dedicate immense time to designing and fabricating these agricultural mechanics projects. Their efforts go well beyond the tangible skills of welding, cutting, sawing, and fastening. While constructing their projects, these students develop critical thinking, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

From beginning-level projects such as fire pits and lawn chairs to the complexities of bumper pull and goose-neck trailers, Montana's Agricultural Education students can highlight their hard work and attention to detail through their project showcases. This event not only celebrates their dedication and craftsmanship but also serves as a platform for fostering creativity and excellence in agricultural engineering.

Competitors had the opportunity to showcase their skills in four distinct divisions:

- Trailer Building Division
- Livestock Equipment Division
- Outdoor Recreation Division
- Agricultural Machinery Division

Miracle in the Magic City - It's A Boy!

It's often remarked that FFA Advisors consistently go above and beyond for their students and chapters, embodying the true spirit of dedication and selflessness. Mrs. O'Halloran (formerly Arnott) of Mission Valley FFA in Ronan, Montana, epitomizes this ethos. Her recent experience is a testament to her unwavering commitment to her students and her remarkable resilience.

On Tuesday, April 2nd, Mrs. O'Halloran found herself in an unexpected and potentially precarious situation. After a long day of ensuring her FFA Chapter was safely transported from Ronan to Billings, and after diligently seeing to the needs of her Poultry team, Mrs. O'Halloran began to experience concerning symptoms. Trusting her instincts, she sought medical attention at a local hospital in Billings, only to receive the startling news that she was in labor, earlier than the April 14th prediction!

Amidst the flurry of emotions and the rush of events, Mrs. O'Halloran remained composed, her primary concern being the well-being of both herself and her unborn child. Despite the unexpected circumstances, she faced the situation with admirable strength and resilience.

Meanwhile, her husband, racing against time, made the journey from Ronan to Billings, arriving with just 45 minutes to spare before their child's arrival. Together, they welcomed their firstborn, Grady O'Halloran, into the world at 8:54 pm. Grady, a spirited and feisty bundle of joy weighing 5lb 8oz, made his entrance during the State Convention week, marking his arrival with unforgettable flair and style.

The O'Halloran family's experience serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices and challenges that FFA Advisors often navigate in their roles. Mrs. O'Halloran's dedication to her students and her unwavering commitment to excellence are truly commendable.

On behalf of the Montana FFA community, we extend our warmest congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. O'Halloran on the arrival of their precious son, Grady!

Nat'l FFA Trivia
How much was the FFA postage stamp?

MT FFA Trivia
What is the only city other than Bozeman, Billings, or Great Falls to host a state FFA convention?

MT Ag Ed Trivia
Who is credited with the idea of including the state & chapter name on the back of every FFA jacket?

Ag Mech Show cont.

Favorite parts of the JAM Show

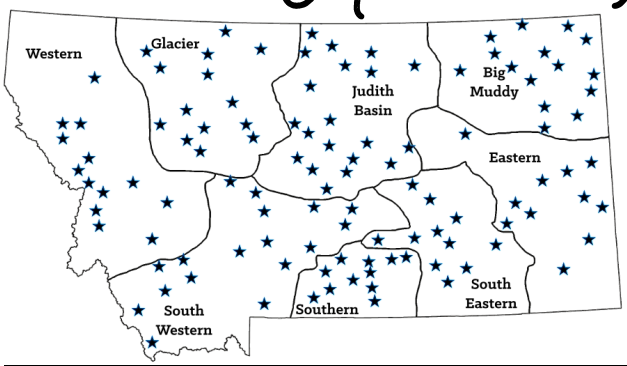
Noah Tan (Stevensville) said the best part was putting their dual gate ATV trailer together.

Hays Holland (Belgrade) said his favorite part of "Truck in a Box" is the future of the idea.

Piper Ward (Wheatland) said doing the acid wash on their custom business sign was the best part.

Carter Ricks (Fergus) liked finishing the trailer project and being recognized with a win!

Montana FFA Membership



111 Chapters

6,684 Members

44.3% Female

55% Male

Members by District

Western - 26% - 1,739 Members - 13 Chapters
Southwestern - 15% - 1,035 Members - 17 Chapters
Judith Basin - 14% - 912 Members - 18 Chapters
Southern - 11% - 711 Members - 13 Chapters
Southeastern - 10% - 671 Members - 11 Chapters
Glacier - 10% - 646 Members - 13 Chapters
Big Muddy - 8% - 503 Members - 16 Chapters
Eastern - 7% - 467 Members - 10 Chapters

Who's Hungry?

State Convention always leads to hungry members in search of their next bite to eat. Buses scatter all throughout the Magic City to find places to eat. Billings has a variety of places to eat, ranging from fast food, to nice sit down restaurants. Some members around the state were asked where their chapters have eaten. Wibaux FFA ate at Pizza Ranch with Baker FFA. Bainville decided to go the fast food route and ate at Taco Bell. Stevensville chose Fudruckers, and Kalispell ate at Old Chicago. The latter two resturants are fantastic options if you're looking for a great burger! Victor FFA ate at the Montana Club (bougie), and Park City ate at Buffalo Wild Wings. Drummond and Gardiner chose to eat at Dave's Hot Chicken on Shilo Crossing. At Dave's there are different heat levels of sauces that you can choose, and you even have to sign a waiver to eat the hottest one! If you're looking to be cool like the State Officers, you'll choose Godfathers Pizza. Billings offers many wonderful places to eat and listed here are some favorites from our seasoned sources.

Mooyah! - Mr. Beley

Fatty's Pizzeria - Mrs. Haughian

Texas Roadhouse - Ms. Denton

MacKenzie River - Mr. Motley

Muzzle Loader Cafe - Mr. Lackman

Staggering Ox - Mrs. Hackett

Taco Bell - Mr. Kallevig

Cracker Barrel - Ms. Dunn

Montana Club - Mrs. Hammerstein

Nat'l FFA Trivia - Answer
Three cents

MT FFA Trivia - Answer
Missoula - 1977

MT Ag Ed Trivia - Answer
Bill Jones - Ag Teacher - Dupuyer, MT - 1937

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