

ALL THE REST

HORSE AND MULE PACKING

January 5, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Northern Agriculture Research Center, South of Havre

Learn the techniques of packing horses and mules. The workshop will focus on transporting camping and other equipment for recreational use. Instructor will cover equipment, safety, preparing bundles, loading on pack animal and tying off loads. This is a “hands on workshop” and participants will try out and practice the skills they have learned. These skills include: saddling pack stock and adjusting saddles, Decker saddles, sawbuck saddles, knots in different types of rope, mantying loads, sling hitches, barrel hitches, diamond hitches, packing a riding saddle, packing game and antlers, packing hay/duffel/boxes, and panniers/pack boxes. The instructor will furnish the equipment and stock. Instructor is Lou Hagener. Registration fee is \$40, which includes one lunch; after December 29 the fee is \$55. **Class is limited to 12 participants.**

DOG BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

January 5 & 6, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Brockman Center, Room 209

In this two evening class, you will learn why your dog reacts the way it does. Topics will include house training, learned behaviors and modification techniques, compulsive behaviors, aggression and understanding dog body language and age related behavior changes. Class will include take home material. Please do **not** bring your dog to class. Instructor is Fran Buell of Bare Paw Dog Obedience. Registration fee is \$30; after December 29 the fee is \$35.

I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY

January 5 & 8, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 105

It is assumed that every person is unique and has a message for posterity. We hope to encourage writing, whether prose, poetry or song, and to assist anyone who has felt “the incurable itch of writing”. Participants will be asked to share their efforts and offer comments and suggestions for the benefit of the class. Emphasis will be on Western Heritage, because it’s what we know, but any direction will be welcome. A mini-performance will conclude the class. Even if you have never tried writing, but always thought you should, this is the class for you. “For of all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: ‘It might have been.’” Participants should bring a notebook and pen or pencil, an open mind and enthusiasm. Anyone needing a ride from Harlem or Chinook can call the instructor at (406) 353-2383. Instructor is D.W. Mailand and other members of Montana Country Poets & Pickers. Registration fee is \$15; after December 29 the fee is \$20.

DOG BITE PREVENTION

January 7, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 209

Learn how to prevent being bitten by a dog and recognize the signs of an aggressive behavior. You will learn what to do while walking or riding a bike. Techniques will include changing the dog’s focus and how to properly approach a dog as well as many “don’t do” tips. Take home materials will be provided at the class. Instructor is Fran Buell of Bare Paw Dog Obedience. Registration fee is \$10; after December 29 the fee is \$15. Bring your children under 12 years of age for no additional fee.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY READINESS

January 8, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 204

Are you curious about wind and solar energy for your home and if some of the applications might work for you? Maybe there are some home conservation measures that can prepare you for the renewable energy shift. Come and learn about getting your home ready for renewable energy and the considerations you will need to make. Topics will include determining wind and solar suitability of your home site, what do you want to do with your alternative energy (heat water, space heater or boom box power), inventory and reduction of electrical load use and prioritizing your energy conservation measures. Instructors are Sarah Hamlen, MSU Extension Area Economic Development Coordinator, MSU Bozeman; Trygve "Spike" Magelssen, Assistant Professor, Electrical Technology, MSU-Northern; and Mike Vogel, MSU Extension Housing and Environment Quality Specialist, MSU Bozeman. Registration fee is \$20; after December 29 the fee is \$25.

HOME ENERGY MANAGEMENT

January 8, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 209

Do you know how you can reduce your energy costs? Participants will learn: factors that influence home energy use and their costs, how to prioritize home energy conservation measures, the top five no/low cost measures, and what tax incentives and assistance programs are available to consumers. Instructor is Mike Vogel, MSU Extension Housing and Environmental Quality Specialist, MSU Bozeman. Registration fee is \$5; after December 29 the fee is \$10.

GROOMING YOUR DOG

January 8, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 211

Extend the life of your dog's groom by keeping their coat in good condition. Participants will learn basic grooming techniques. This workshop will include a demonstration of brushing and nail trimming. Participants will receive a complimentary grooming tool. Instructor is Carl Peck, owner and operator of G-r-eat G-r-ooms. Registration fee is \$15; after December 29 the fee is \$20.

FURBEARER IDENTIFICATION AND MANAGEMENT

January 8, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Brockmann Center, 216

Come and learn about local furbearers. Topics will include trapping ethics, equipment, furbearer regulations and identification. Trapping skills and other information provided in this workshop will be useful to the first-time trapper or as a review for the experienced trapper. Instructor is Fran Buell, Montana Trappers Association. Registration fee is \$5; after December 29 the fee is \$10.

BASIC RESIDENTIAL SOLAR SYSTEMS

January 9, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 106

Participants will learn solar photovoltaic system fundamentals and how to install in residential applications. During this workshop, participants will learn about cost-benefit returns, electrical generation systems and water heating systems. A breakdown of federal, state, and utility rebates and tax credits will also be discussed. Instructor is Trygve 'Spike' Magelssen, Assistant Professor of Electrical Technology, MSU-Northern. Registration fee is \$25; after December 29 the fee is \$30.