

4-H Newsletter

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What's New for the 2009 Fair?

1. The 2009 Western Montana Fair will be **August 11-16**.
2. 4-H Fair entry forms are due by **Friday, June 26**.
3. Fair project interviews will take place **Saturday, August 1 and Saturday, August 8, 9:00 am to noon** on the fairgrounds. All 4-H members are ***required*** to attend an interview for every project in which they are enrolled. Foods and livestock interviews will take place ***one time only***: **August 8**.
4. Hogs must weigh **220 lbs** at the fair weigh in to sell at the livestock sale. The maximum weight for hog sale payment is **290 lbs**. If your hog weighs 300 lbs., you will be paid for 290 lbs.
5. There will be a miniature beef market animal class this year.
6. Only animals entered as fair exhibits will be allowed to unload on the fairgrounds.

Horse Committee . . . has been given the opportunity to do **horse-related demonstrations in the grandstands area of the Fairgrounds on Wednesday and Thursday of the Fair** (August 12th and 13th). If anyone has ideas about things we may do to promote the 4-H Horse Project and/or showcase the skills and accomplishments of 4-H Horse Project Members, please bring those ideas to the February 11th meeting of the Horse Committee. This will be especially relevant to those 4-H Horse Project Members who do not also show 4-H Livestock Projects, as there are Livestock-related activities going on at the barns most of the day on Wednesday and Thursday.

Fair Awards

Do you know of someone who would like to sponsor an award at the Fair? If so, please have them call Colleen at 258-4201, or provide the contact information to Colleen to follow up on.

If you have comments or recommendations regarding the planning for the future of the Fair and the Fairgrounds, please submit them online at the Fair's website:

http://www.westernmontanafair.com/FAIR_PLANNING.HTML

Animals

Rabbit Events (plan to hold monthly until June)

Extension Office conference room, 2825 Santa Fe Court

Starting Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00 pm.

Start off by working on workbooks and record books which is valuable to all members, but especially for the 1st and 2nd year members. At 7:00 pm there will be a special rabbit activity; finishing up by 8:00 pm.

The hope is to culminate the monthly activities in June with a showmanship contest, a quiz bowl, and a breed ID contest. If you have questions, please call Cindy at 544-5915.

North Valley Poultry Workshop, January 29 at 6:30 pm

Florence Carlton School District Office (corner of Long & Old Hwy 93)

Call Laura DeNitto at 273-4645 for further information.

The day of the workshop you may reach Laura on her cell phone: 544-7401.

Do you have a Market Hog reserved? This year J&M Hog Farm has six sows bred which should yield 48-58 pigs. Price will be determined after pigs are weaned. For details on genetics, getting your name on the list, etc. call 825-3230 for details or e-mail freeman@blackfoot.net

Cowtown Beef Breeders Show Livestock Judging, Miles City, February 6th

This Livestock Judging contest will consist of 6 classes of Beef and two reasons classes. Cost is \$7 per person, and includes lunch. There are Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H/FFA, and Adult divisions. Pre-registrations are due in by **January 30th**. Contact the Extension Office, or our website for registration forms.

Finches: Parker Hall of Garden City Sowers 4-H Club has been raising Zebra Finches as part of his science fair project on genetics. He has two young finches ready for new homes. Zebra Finches are very easy to care for. Parker is offering these free to 4-H members.

Call 626-0261 for more information.

Bitterroot Buckle Series Horse Shows - Sapphire Arena in Corvallis organized by Johanna Applehaus will be **Feb 28, March 28 and April 11**. Entry forms will be available soon.

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum, February 28 - March 1

Billings Hotel and Convention Center

4-H leaders of Carbon County have graciously agreed to host this year's Forum and have put together a great list of workshops that are about 50% horse related and 50% livestock related. Horse topics include-horse nutrition, helmet safety, saddle fitting, horse careers, horse show management, bridling/bits, horse massage, equine management, horse camp, packing, judging teams, the horse leg, and halters. Livestock classes include carcass merit programs, swine selection and management, livestock quality assurance, meat goats/sheep, livestock nutrition, fair organization, record sheets, and bio-security at the fair. Please note that a few minor changes in workshop offerings may occur.

Friday night will start with a dinner, flag ceremony, and some demonstrations. Saturday's workshops begin at 8:00 a.m. and go through 5:15 p.m. Sunday's schedule is 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Registration info is scheduled to be out on January 15th and will be available on the Montana 4-H website. The registration fee has not been set, but all meals will be included. A block of rooms have been set aside at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center for \$70.00 per night. You can reserve your room by calling 1-800-537-7286.

State 4-H Horse Show in Lewistown

The dates and location for the 2009 State 4-H Horse Show have been announced. The Show will be held October 2-4, in Lewistown, MT. If you have artistic skills, there is a *Show Book Cover Art Contest*. Forms are available from the Extension Office, and are *due by May 8th*.

Horse Haven Montana - Looking for Homes for Horses

Janet Rose, Founder/Director jrt@montana.com

Two healthy fox-trotters, experienced and trained.

Small black mare with lots of training.

***This one needs a home immediately: 4 year old quarter horse mare rescued from Potomac. (The property owner left the state for a vacation when it was -22° and the horse had no food or water. A couple from Frenchtown along with horse's owner, moved her to Frenchtown. Mare has had 60-90 days of training. She is a nice looking sorrel and is about 15 hands and is starting to put back on some weight. There were no problems catching and loading her.

Janet would love to visit with you about the details. For an adoption application, go to www.horsehavenmt.org

Nationwide 4-H Livestock Pen Pals

A 4-H Livestock Club in Virginia would like to start exchanging letters with other livestock clubs in the country. Their plan is to write and learn more about other areas and animals, and then possibly visit the club in the future. If members of your club are interested, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office 258-4203 or cbarrett@montana.edu.

Drama

Drama Festival, Saturday, March 7, Potomac Valley Community Center, 10 am

This is the 63rd Annual 4-H Drama Festival in Missoula County - come out and join the fun! Categories are available ranging from full-length plays to one-act plays. If your 4-H Club has never done this before, it's a lot of fun, and a great way for members to get to know each other better. Contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203) for an entry form, for more information, or for a video tape of several past Drama Festivals.

4-H Share-the-Fun (talent) Contest: March 7, Potomac Valley Community Center

Another option, new this year, for individuals or groups of 4-Hers is the 4-H Share-the-Fun Contest. These acts will be held between the larger plays at the Drama Festival. Entries are limited to 4 minutes, with a maximum of 4 members per act. Categories include Vocal, Instrumental, Dance, Drama, Variety, or Combination. *This contest is run like a talent show, and is open to all 4-Hers from Cloverbud through Seniors.* Cloverbuds will receive green participation ribbons, Junior and Senior age acts will be judged separately and will be awarded ribbons on the Danish system (Blue, Red, White), with Purple ribbons for the top Junior and top Senior act in each category. For more detailed information, or for sign-up sheets, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office.

Camp

Youth History Camp at Virginia City, Montana August 2-8, 2009

The Montana Heritage Commission is inviting young people ages 11 to 15 to experience Alder Gulch at their hands-on History Camp scheduled for August 2-8, 2009. Workshops will include outdoor cooking on an open fire, basket weaving, campfire stories, blacksmithing skills, gold prospecting, life on the frontier, daily living skills, tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City and much, much more! For more detailed information call (406) 843-5247 or visit www.virginiacitymt.com.

2009 Multi-County 4-H Camp Staff Applications available

4-H Camp will be June 22-27 for Counselors and Counselors in Training (CITs). Applications are due in the Mineral County Extension Office by **March 17th**. Forms are available from the Missoula Extension Office, or on our website. CITs must be 13 by October 1st, 2008, and Counselors must be 14 by October 1st, 2008. Twelve Counselors and 12 CITs will be selected from among the applicants from Missoula, Mineral, Lake, Sanders and Lincoln counties.

Shooting Sports

Broadwater County 4-H Archery Shoot

Event will be held **February 21st**, at the Broadwater Rod & Gun Club (96 Canton Ln) in Townsend. Events include Primitive Bow, Bare Bow, Limited Bow, Bow Hunter, 3-D and Unlimited. Starts at 9:00am. Cost is \$10.00 per shooter per event. **Entry Forms must be received by February 13th**. Contact the Missoula Extension Office (258-4203 or website) for entry forms, and contact Al Bodle in Townsend with event-related questions (266-3659, bodlhuth@msn.com).

State 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

March 6-8 in Bozeman

Final details are in the works. The information will be sent out to those enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports project.

Upcoming 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, May 1-2, Laurel, MT

All 4-H Shooting Sports disciplines, including Cowboy Action, will be offered. Cost is \$50.00 per person. For first-timers, the Friday session will last from 6 pm to 9 pm. Returning participants will attend the Saturday session from 8 am to 5 pm. Contact the Extension Office, or visit our website for registration forms, which are due **April 20th**.

Shooting Sports: Rifle Raffle

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee is selling raffle tickets for a \$2,500.00 gift certificate to be used toward a rifle from the Shiloh Sharps Rifle Company in Big Timber. Tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds will benefit the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Todd Kesner in Bozeman at tkesner@montana.edu or 994-6816. The drawing will be held during the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, Montana, on Sunday, June 21, 2009. The winner does not need to be present. Visit www.shilohsharps.com to see the rifle options available to choose from.

Announcements

Legislative Breakfast

Campbell Barrett and Lori Zeiser are the chaperones, Delegates going to Helena to meet State Legislators on January 20 include: **Katherine Brooks, Garrett Hueffed, Sam Zeiser, Austin Patterson, Melody McDaniel, and Brianna Arnott.**

Missoula 4-H Teen Council

The newly formed Missoula 4-H Teen Council held its first meeting on January 18th. The founding members of the Council are Hailey Hagan, Isaac Hunter, Kylie Tromp, Sherry Walters, Roy Handley, Dylan Landais, Secora Richardson and Kristi Hoffman. The Council is *planning a 4-H Carnival* (similar to the Ravalli 4-H event) to promote 4-H to the community, and *hopes to involve all 4-H Clubs in the event*. A date and location for the 4-H Carnival will be announced following the **next meeting of the 4-H Teen Council on February 8th, at 2pm**. All 4-H Members who are 13 or older as of 10/1/2008 are invited to attend.

Gardening: Lynn Weger with the Dahlia Society has offered to help any interested 4-H Members with learning about and growing Dahlias that can be used as a 4-H Plant Sciences Project and can be shown at the 2009 Fair. You can contact Lynn at 543- 8695.

IRS Filing Requirements for 4-H Clubs

All Montana 4-H Clubs with EIN numbers *must file a report with the IRS by February 15, 2009* for the 2008 tax year. You can do this by going to the following web site:

<http://epostcard.form990.org> Call Campbell with questions or for your EIN number.

2009 Montana 4-H Recreation Lab March 20-22, 2009 in Forsyth

Registration details will be available later this month. The event will be hosted by District 8 and held at the Forsyth elementary and middle schools. The theme selected for this coming Rec Lab is: "Take the Green Challenge" (The green refers to both 4-H and the environment.)

FREE 4-H License Plates

The Missoula 4-H Council has *three 4-H license plate "scholarships" available* to give away. This scholarship is awarded in the form of a check for \$35.00. The recipients are expected to request and purchase the 4-H license plate from the county the next time they renew their license fees. The scholarship offsets the additional cost of the plate. If you are interested in being placed in a drawing for one of these three scholarships, please contact Colleen at the Extension Office *by to February 4th*. Good luck!

Did you know? You can support 4-H in Montana by using goodsearch.com as your search engine instead of Yahoo or Google? Designate the Montana 4-H Foundation as the beneficiary as you log on and the proceeds will benefit 4-H programs.

Worth Mentioning . . .

NILE Merit Heifer Program

In 2007, **Abby Mytty** was awarded a heifer through this program; returning in 2008 with a bred heifer. Abby was one of four individuals to win a Top Hand award based on monthly reports, an interview, and a jackpot show.

The purpose of this program is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business. Youth are chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17 who are a 4-H or FFA member may apply.

In 2008, 25 individuals were awarded donated heifers.

2008 Bear Creek Buckaroos Horse Show Results

High Point Mini/Pony	Austin Patterson
Reserve High Point Mini/Pony	Natalie Arnott
High Point 13 & under	Adeline Richardson
Reserve High Point 13 & under	Caitlin Creighton
High Point 4-H/FFA	Caitlin Creighton
Reserve High Point 4-H/FFA	Cassie Fix

Miss Teen Rodeo Montana 2009: Samantha Manley of the Blue Mountain 4-H Club

The areas of measured competition included Horsemanship, Speech, Personality, Style Show, Photogenic, Appearance, Projection & Presentation. The public events included a Horsemanship demonstration, Public Speech, Fashion Show and several public appearances where the girls were asked impromptu questions. Additionally, there were a number of written and oral tests and interviews which were conducted in private.

State Fair entry forms for market animals and heifers were distributed to each Club Leader's mailbox on January 18th. **Forms for steers are due January 31st**, lambs and hogs are due April 30th, and heifers are due by July 1st. Cost is \$10.00 per entry. Contact the Extension office, your Club leader, or the website for more information: www.montanastatefair.com

Cenex Harvest States is supporting this year's **National Ag Day Essay Contest**, asking 7th to 12th-grade students to write about agriculture's important role in daily lives. The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) contest asks students to write a 450-word essay about its theme "Agriculture --- Every Day in Every Way." **Deadline is February. 9.** National winner receives \$1,000 and a roundtrip ticket to Washington, D.C., for recognition at the March 12 Celebration of Ag Dinner. State winners receive \$100. Entry information can be found at www.hpj.com/agdayessay.

New America Foundation "Improving the Lives of Children Essay Contest"

High School Seniors are invited to write essays 600 words or less that address the topic "You have just been elected President of the United States. What is the most important thing you will do to improve the lives of America's children?" **Top prize is \$2500.00. Applications are due February 20th.** Contact the Extension Office for official entry form.

National Pork Board offers 10 New Scholarships

The National Pork Board is offering ten \$200 travel scholarships for youth to attend the National Junior Swine Association's National Youth Leadership Conference on April 24-26, 2009, in St. Louis, Mo. Youth who are ages 14-21 are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Interested youth need to submit a short (100 words or less) essay on why they deserve this scholarship. Essays and recommendation letters must be sent in together and received to the NJSA office **by Feb. 1, 2009**. The winners will be announced March 1. For More Information, Contact: Jennifer Shike, NSR Director of Jr. Activities, (217)-365-0286 jennifer@nationalswine.com

Montana Association of Conservation Districts High School Scholarship

Two \$500.00 Scholarships will be awarded. Applicants must be High School Seniors, have a GPA of 2.5 or better, and plan to major in a Natural Resource-related field at a Montana post-secondary institution. Applications are due **February 15th**. For an application, contact the Extension Office or see our website.

The 2009 Montana Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for **March 1-3, 2009, in Helena.**

This event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. To attend, members **must be 14 by October 1, 2008**. It is recommended that participants are older youth who have education and experienced in various components of citizenship - registration **deadline Feb 1.**

Each county is allotted two delegates. The **registration fee is \$60**, and does not include housing at a local hotel. The Missoula 4-H Council has money to cover the registration fee, and possibly some of the hotel fee. If you are interested in attending, or if you would like more information, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258-4203).

Citizenship Washington Focus

The 2009 CWF conference in Washington, D.C., is scheduled for *June 7 - June 14, 2009*. Montana delegates will attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals. *Must be 15 by October 1st, 2008*. Montana plans to take 10 delegates and 2 chaperones to this conference. *Applications and a deposit of \$650.00 are due by February 1st*. The total cost per person is estimated to be \$1700.00. We can assist delegates with fundraising efforts. If you would like more information, or would like to view the promotional DVD, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office (258- 4203).

4-H Club Officers

Bear Creek Buckaroos

Isaac Hunter, Pres
Abby Mytty, V Pres
Kirby Everson, Sec
Zack Newbary, Treas
Sherry Walters, Reporter/Historian
Kaleigh Charles, Cassie Fix, Makenzie Bauck, Sergeant of Arms

Blue Mountain

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Caitlin Creighton, V Pres
Claire Shinn, Sec
Erika Peterson, Treas
Courtney Hemphill, Web Master
Wyatt Shinn, Sergeant of Arms

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Jackie Teague, Pres
Miranda Dupree, V Pres
Shelby Holmes, Sec
Paige Holmes, Treas
Hope Crowell, Historian

4-H Calendar

January 21	Rabbit workshop, 6 pm, Extension Office
January 29	North Valley Poultry Workshop, 6:30pm, Florence Carlton School District Office
January 31	Steer forms due to State Fair
February 1	Pork Board Scholarships due
February 6	Beef Breeders Show, Miles City
February 8	4-H Teen Council, 2 pm at the Extension Office
February 9	National Ag Day Essay Contest deadline
February 11	Horse Committee, 7 pm
February 12	Livestock Committee, 7 pm
February 15	MT Assoc of Conservation Districts scholarship deadline
February 15	Deadline for Clubs to file IRS Form 990-N online
February 20	Improving the Lives of Children Essay Contest deadline
February 28	Bitterroot Buckle Horse Show
February 28 - March 1	MT 4-H Horse & Livestock Forum, Billings
March 1 -3	2009 Montana Citizen Seminar
March 4	4-H Council Board, 7 pm
March 7	4-H Drama Festival and Share-the-Fun Contest
March 11	4-H Horse Committee, 7 pm
March 12	Livestock Committee, 7 pm
March 17	Multi-County 4-H Camp Staff applications due
March 28	Bitterroot Buckle Horse Show
April 11	Bitterroot Buckle Horse Show
April 16	Hog Weigh In
May 2	May Clinic for 4-H Horse Project Members
May 21	Lamb Weigh In
June 7-14	Citizenship Washington Focus
June 13	Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H Club Horse Show
June 26	4-H Fair Entry Deadline
July 7, 14, 21	Station Judging for 4-H Horse Project Members
August 1	Fair interviews
August 8	Fair interviews
August 11-16	Western Montana Fair