

4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

We have made it to the start of a new 4-H Year! I would like to thank all of the 4-H Volunteers, Parents, Family and 4-H Members who worked so hard this past year to organize and run the events and activities that provided hundreds of 4-H youth with opportunities to learn, compete, experience new things and meet new people. As we say goodbye to 4-H'ers who have graduated and moved on, we also welcome many new 4-H Members and Cloverbuds to the program.

October 4-10 is National 4-H Week. Be sure to take time to thank all the people who have helped you and who have worked to make Missoula County 4-H a great thing to be a part of. You should all be proud of your accomplishments. Let's also take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to doing quality work in our projects, and to making the most of the great opportunities available to us through 4-H.

If you are new to 4-H, or if you would like to become more active in the committees that plan and run all the 4-H events and activities throughout the year, please check out the calendar for meeting times and locations. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can make a big difference in the 4-H Program this year. Thanks to everyone for your dedication and your commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Campbell Barrett".

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Your 2009-2010 4-H Council Board

Congratulations to new Board members: **Roy W. Handley**, Youth Rep; **Secora Richardson**, Youth Rep; **Larry Henderson**, **Casey Richardson**, **Becky Robinson** and **Sharon Teague**. Huge thanks to our out-going Board members: **Jim Dixon**, President; **Isaac Hunter**, Youth Rep; **Hailey Hagan**, Youth Rep; **Stephenie Bingenheier**, **Charlotte Iverson** and **Amy Smith**.

Roy Handley, President

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Congratulations to our new Missoula County 4-H Ambassadors **Sam Zeiser** (*Rocky Mountain Packers*) and **Kirby Everson** (*Bear Creek Buckaroos*). Sam was selected at 4-H Congress to serve as a Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer.

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4-H Council meetings are held the First Wednesday of every month, 7pm at the Extension Office. All enrolled Volunteers are members of the 4-H Council. You do not need to be elected to attend 4-H Council meetings.

4-H Enrollment Information

- **Member dues** remain the same . . . \$7.00/1st project; \$5.00/each additional project
- **NEW:** A late fee \$10.00 per child re-enrolling after December 1, 2009
- **NEW:** No re-enrollments accepted after January 1, 2010
- **NEW:** *The Clover* is a two-year publication. If you take one, be sure to save it for next year's enrollment process. We will not receive additional copies from the State 4-H Office.
- **NEW:** Beginning Foods replaced with 4-H Cooking 101, 4-H Cooking 201, 4-H Cooking 301. There is not a leader guide for this series, follow member book.
- **New Projects Offered:** Montana 4-H Western Heritage (*includes Cowboy Action 4-H Shooting*), Wildlife Conservation, Babysitting, Communications, Videography, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Centennial Project, Citizenship, Up for the Challenge Lifetime Fitness, Healthy Decisions, Fast Foods, Meat Goat
- **New Materials this year for current projects:** Home Environment, Knitting, Crochet, Quilting, Exploring 4-H
- **Missoula County projects not listed in *The Clover*:** Llama/Alpaca, Cake Decorating, Western Games (horse), Trail Ride (horse); Mini Horse Level 1-3 in Horsemanship, Jumping, Obstacle & Driving
- **Shooting Sports:** Youth must be 9 by October 1, 2009, except in the new Cowboy Action, members must be 12 by October 1, 2009. Shooting Sports members ***must*** work with a leader who is certified by the State 4-H Office in the discipline they wish to study. Missoula County 4-H members ***cannot*** currently enroll in Muzzle Loading. Since not every club has certified shooting sports leaders in every discipline, we will provide as many county-wide opportunities as possible, but these will not take place as regularly as Club meetings.
- **Parents:** If your child enrolls in a Project for which your 4-H Club has no Project Leader, you are expected to serve as your child's Project Leader for that Project.
- **NEW: Animal Projects:** All 4-H Animal Projects (Livestock, Horse, etc.) will require the new Montana 4-H Animal Project Waiver forms. These forms will be sent to those members who enroll in applicable projects.
- **Leaders: NEW:** Direct Volunteers (those who provide face-to-face, unsupervised contact with youth) must be approved through the [Montana 4-H Volunteer Certification process](#). All other Leader fees remain the same as last year:

\$1.00 leader insurance (<i>or</i>)	>	optional, but recommended
\$2.00 horse leader insurance	>	optional, but recommended
\$5.00 leader's dues	>	optional, see below
\$12.00 Volunteer Cert. Fee	>	required for all Direct Volunteers

Leader's Dues are for membership in the MT4-H Volunteer Council. Your dollars are utilized by the Montana 4-H Council to support the Ambassador program, State & National 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus, Montanans for 4-H Legislative Breakfast, Red Lab, Montana 4-H Leadership Forum, and more. Your dues help us support 4-H youth and Leaders.

County Awards

- Organizational leaders must sign off on County Award Nominations. The form may be found on the website: <http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml> in the Forms section.
- Nominate as many members as you feel are deserving
- *Do not* nominate anyone with an incomplete 4-H record book
- Nomination form due in our office by **Friday, October 9**
- For those nominated, record books are due on **Monday, October 26**
- Interviews will take place **Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 pm**

Left-Over Fair Business

- Have you completed your thank you cards and had them checked off as complete through this office?

- **Awards not mentioned previously**

Rabbit

Grand Champion Doe with kits	Melody McDaniel
Reserve Champion Doe with kits	Kamri White

Awards donated by Jason and Angie Johnson

Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen	Breanna Johnson
Reserve Champion Rabbit Meat Pen	Sydney McDaniel
Grand Champion - Wool	Sydney McDaniel

Poultry

Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen	Luke Wilson
Reserve Champion Poultry Meat Pen	Ricky Garrin

- Lost & Found items in our office are 1 pr cowboy boots, 2 pr tennis shoes, green/black backpack, miscellaneous clothes such as white shirts, sweat pants, socks.
- **Potomac Valley 4-H Club** sold the most pig raffle tickets per member. They will be awarded \$100 from the 4-H Council to spend as they see fit.
- Pig Raffle Winners were the Missoula Food Bank and Tom Vacura. They will each receive one-half of a cut and wrapped hog, raised by **Julia Hudson**.
- **Carcass data:** The carcass evaluation spreadsheets are available upon request from the Extension Office, or you can find them online on the 4-H website on the Livestock Committee page: missoulaeduplace.org > 4-H > Committees > Livestock Committees (" > " = "click on")
- **State 4-H Livestock Committee:** If you are interested in applying to serve a 3-year term on the Montana 4-H Livestock Committee, you can request a form (*due December 1st*) from the Missoula Extension Office, or you can find the form on the Forms page at our 4-H website. For District 1, there are open positions for 2 Volunteers and 2 Teen Representatives.

LIVESTOCK and HORSE

- **Beef Weigh-In:** January 9 **Hog Weigh-In:** April 22 **Lamb Weigh-In:** May 20
- **Beef Project - Please Read:** Steers must be born on or after February 1st, 2009. All steers must have a halter on prior to unloading at the scale in January (goal is to be halter-broke by weigh-in). Steers must weigh at least 950 lbs. by the Fair weigh-in on August 11, 2010. Miniature steers must weigh 500 lbs. and be at or under 42" hip height at the Fair.
- **Larry Henderson** has been elected to another term as Livestock Committee Chair.
- **North Valley Poultry meeting, Thursday, October 29, 6:30 pm, Extension Office.**

Montana Poultry Fanciers Show, Saturday, October 10, Great Falls

Call Laura DeNitto for details, 273-4645 (home) or 544-7401 (cell).

- **The Fall 4-H Horse Judging Contest** will be held **Sunday, October 11th** at Willowbend Farms in Turah, starting at 2 pm. This is Missoula County's event to select the 4-H Horse Judging Team that will represent Missoula at 4-H Congress next summer in Bozeman (Senior age 4-H Members). FFA Members are welcome.

This is always a great event, even though it hasn't been widely attended the past couple years. Even if you've never done Horse Judging before, this is a great chance to come out and learn. We have some fabulous prizes, and the Horse Committee members will be there to make sure everyone has fun. Registration form can be found at <http://missoulaeduplace.org> go to 4-H and then to Forms.

NEWS and NOTES

4-H Congress: Nine Missoula County 4-H Members attended Montana 4-H Congress on the MSU campus in Bozeman in June. Missoula's **Gavel Games Team** won **2nd Place** in the State. Members were **Lisa Henderson** (*Frenchtown Valley*), **Isaac Hunter** (*Bear Creek Buckaroos*), **Sam Zeiser** (*Rocky Mountain Packers*) and **Elizabeth Montgomery** (*Bear Creek*). Our Livestock Judging Team was **8th Place** out of 20 teams. Members were **Abby Mytty** (*Bear Creek*), **Kirby Everson** (*Bear Creek*), **Roy W. Handley** (*Rocky Mountain Packers*) and **Karleigh Bolin** (*Jocko Valley*). **Sam Zeiser**, Missoula's Senior Ambassador, was **selected to serve as one of only five Montana 4-H Ambassador Officers**. Congratulations to Sam and to all of our contest winners!



NEWS and NOTES

Multi-County 4-H Camp: Nearly half of the entire camp at the Darrell E. Fenner Memorial 4-H Camp on Loon Lake was made up of 4-H Members from Missoula County, despite the fact that we camp with Sanders, Lincoln, Lake and Mineral Counties. Way to go, Missoula! The following



4-H Members served as 4-H Camp Staff (pictured below with all of the Camp Staff): **Brittany Graf**, Senior Leader (*Potomac Valley*), **Garett Hueffed** (*New Meadows*), **Melody McDaniel** (*Potomac*), **Cameron Rys-Sikora** (*Blue Mountain*), **Mariah Rys-Sikora**, Lifeguard (*Blue Mountain*), **Kylie Tromp** (*Rocky Mountain Packers*), **Sherry Walters** (*Bear Creek Buckaroos*), **Keegan Wickman** (*Frenchtown*), **Sam Zeiser**, Junior Leader (*Rocky Mountain Packers*) and **Isaac Hunter**, Camp Legend (*Bear Creek Buckaroos*). Thanks for your hard work!

- **Dog Committee:** Meeting Tuesday, **October 13th**, **7pm** at the Extension Office. If you are a parent of a Dog Project Member, or if you have any interest in helping us re-build the 4-H Dog Project in Missoula, please attend this meeting.
- The **4-H Teen Council** will resume meetings on Sunday, **October 18th**, **2pm** at the Extension office. If you have questions, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office.
- Applications to attend **National 4-H Conference** in Washington D.C., are available for 4-H'ers who will be 15-18 on January 1, 2010, and who are not H.S. Seniors. Applications are **due by November 15th**. For more information, contact Sam Zeiser (who attended last year) or Campbell at the Extension Office.
- A County-wide **4-H Club Officer Training** will be held on Thursday, **November 19th**, starting at 6:30pm at the Extension Office. If you are unable to make this training, or if you would like an Officer Training personalized for your 4-H Club meeting, contact Campbell at the Extension Office at 258-4203
- **4-H Volunteer Updates** will be held on Tuesday, **November 17th**, **6:30pm**, and Saturday, **January 16th**, **9:30am**; both at the Extension Office in Missoula. If you have questions or issues you would like to address in either of these sessions, please email Campbell at cbarrett@montana.edu. Both sessions will be approximately 2 hours, and both will cover basically the same material.
- The **Montana 4-H Events & Opportunities Guidebook** (for Youth and Adults) is available from the Extension Office by request, and on our website at the 4-H Forms page. This document contains applications and descriptions for all State and National-level 4-H events and opportunities.

FOR SALE

4-H Project Bunnies . . . Netherland Dwarf, Holland Lop, call 244-0993

4-H Beef Project Club Calves through O'Neill Farms . . . available starting in mid-October. Calves born between February and April 2009. Contact Lorri O'Neill at 726-3368 or Alyssa Cahoon at 644-0012.

4 - H CALENDAR

PLEASE pay close attention to upcoming dates, and take the time to read through this and coming 4-H Newsletters very carefully. Our committees are discussing several important changes that may affect you. *Examples include mandatory Showmanship, Swine born-on dates, changing Livestock Interviews, Volunteer Screening background checks and more.* We will announce major changes in the Newsletter and by email. It is everyone's responsibility to read the information and to share the information with those who may be affected by it. Thanks!

Oct 4 th -10 th	National 4-H Week
Oct 7 th , Wed	4-H Council, 7:00 pm (6 pm for new Board members)
Oct 8 th , Thurs	4-H Livestock Committee, 7:00 pm
Oct 9 th , Fri	County Award Nominations due, 5:00 pm
Oct 10 th , Sat	Montana Poultry Fanciers Show, Great Falls
Oct 11 th , Sun	4-H Horse Judging Contest, Turah, 2:00 pm start
Oct 13 th , Tue	4-H Dog Committee, 7:00 pm
Oct 14 th , Wed	4-H Horse Committee, 7:00 pm
Oct 15 th , Thur	Applications Due for 2010 Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference (Jan 8-10)
Oct 17 th -18 th	Theresa Manzella Horse Clinic at Willow Bend Farms in Turah
Oct 18 th , Sun	4-H Teen Council, 2:00 pm
Oct 23 rd , Fri	Do Something to Save Our Music Contest Entry Deadline
Oct 23 rd , Fri	KaBoom! Play Day Grants for Playground Projects Application Deadline
Oct 26 th , Mon	4-H Record Books due in our office from those nominated for a County Award, 5 pm
Oct 29 th , Thurs	North Valley 4-H Poultry Meeting, 6:30 pm, Missoula Extension Office
Oct 30 th , Fri	Youth Leaders for Literacy Grant Applications Due
Nov 1 st , Sun	Adobe Youth Voices International Photo Competition Applications Due
Nov 1 st , Sun	Hugh Shelton (H.S. Senior) Scholarship Applications Due
Nov 2 nd , Mon	National Gardening Association: Youth Garden Grant Applications Due
Nov 4 th , Wed	4-H Council, 7:00 pm
Nov 10 th , Tue	County Award Interviews, 6 pm start
Nov 11 th , Wed	4-H Horse Committee, 7:00 pm
Nov 12 th , Thurs	4-H Livestock Committee
Nov 13 th , Fri	Applications Due for National 4-H Conference
Nov 17 th , Tue	4-H Volunteer Update, 6:30 pm
Nov 18 th , Wed	Country Fair Committee, 6:30 pm
Nov 19 th , Thur	4-H Club Officer Training, 6:30 pm
Dec 1 st , Tue	Deadline to Re-enroll in 4-H, 5:00 pm
Dec 1 - Dec 30	\$10.00 late fee to re-enroll in 4-H
Dec 1 st , Tue	2010 State Farm Service-Learning Champion Award Applications Due
Dec 1 st , Tue	Applications Due for State 4-H Livestock Committee membership
Dec 2 nd , Wed	4-H Council, 7:00 pm
Dec 15 th , Tue	Early Bird Registration Due for 2010 Western Region Leaders' Forum in NM
Jan 1 st , Fri	No 4-H Re-enrollment forms accepted after this date
Jan 9 th , Sat	Beef weigh-in - Ag Center
Jan 16 th , Sat	4-H Volunteer Update, 9:30 am