

4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

I hope everyone is enjoying the current Holiday Season. It is always nice to spend time with friends and family this time of year. Remember to take time to appreciate the people and the things you are thankful for. I am thankful that we have so many dedicated 4-H Parents, Volunteers and Supporters in our community. The work you do for the youth of Missoula County does make a difference.

As you plan for the upcoming 4-H Year, take time to think of ways you can increase Teen involvement and leadership in your 4-H Clubs, Project meetings, county-wide Committees, Council Boards, and Ambassador Programs. Teens are some of our most valuable, but often some of our most overlooked resources in 4-H. Be sure to help your 4-H Teens achieve their goals and display the leadership skills they are capable of.

Often, new 4-H Members and their Families become overwhelmed by all there is to learn during their first years in the 4-H Program. One suggestion from a seasoned 4-H Volunteer is to pair up an experienced 4-H Member with a new 4-H Member. Introduce them and have the older member serve as an unofficial 4-H Mentor for the new member. This technique is also effective for new 4-H Families. Especially in our larger 4-H Clubs, it is easy for new faces to get lost in the crowd. Take time to develop a mentoring program in your club and you will start to recognize those new faces as they keep coming back to your meetings.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season. I look forward to working with you all in the New 4-H Year.

Sincerely,

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

Campbell Barrett

Extension Agent, 4-H Youth Development

Important 4-H Enrollment Information

Reminder: The **deadline to re-enroll in 4-H without paying a late fee is December 1st**. Between December 1st and January 1st, a late fee of \$10.00 per member will be assessed. After January 1st, no forms will be accepted for re-enrollment. *Members who are completely new to 4-H may enroll through May 1st, which is the 4-H Project Add/Drop date for all current 4-H Members.*

Remember - This year's 4-H Project Guide *The Clover* is a two-year publication. Supplies are limited. Please take one copy per family and keep it through next fall for the 2010-2011 4-H Year.

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4-H Project News

Livestock Projects

Beef Weigh In

- **Saturday, January 9, Ag Education Center, 9 am to 11 am only.**
- For safety reasons, your animal *must* be in control and on a halter prior to unloading it from the trailer.
- Bring the bill-of-sale and \$1.50 for the brand inspection.
- Bring the date-of-birth of your market beef animal.
- Bring the name, *complete address* & phone number of your animal's breeder.
- **News for 2010:** The Hip Height Measurement will be taken of all market beef to provide an educational tool for members. *Members are required to include* Hip Height Measurement information in their 4-H journals. A handout developed by the MSU Extension Beef Specialist will be available at beef weigh in to explain how to use this measurement to determine the appropriate finished weight for your steer. Information on developing a feeding plan is included.
- Are you up-to-date on Quality Assurance requirements? Check with your leader, and if not, watch the appropriate video.

NEW: Animal Release Waiver

The official name is *Montana 4-H Animal Project Permission and Assumption of Risk for Participation in all 4-H Animal Projects Excluding Horse* (they have their own form). New this year, 4-H Members enrolled in any animal project will need to sign this form and turn it in to the Extension Office. If you do not receive this form with your 4-H Project Materials, you can find it online on the 4-H Forms page: 4-H website > Forms. *These should be turned in before you work with any 4-H animals, or by December 31st.*

Market Animals

- Members are allowed to weigh in *two animals of the same species* at the initial weigh in, but only one animal can be brought to the fair. Members cannot weigh in an animal in more than one species.
- Members are allowed to weigh in *two animals of the same species* and these two animals are assigned to one member. Siblings cannot share a back-up animal.

Showmanship

- When participating in the showmanship contest, members are required to show the animal they bring to the fair. They cannot show an animal belonging to another member.
- A special showmanship clinic(s) will be held in the spring or summer to teach members how to properly show their animals and how to participate in the showmanship contest.

MontanaFair

The 2010 MontanaFair in Billings will be held August 13-21. All individuals planning to exhibit are required to bring their animals to one ear-tagging site on a specific date at a specific time. Dates are listed below:

- Beef Tagging: Saturday, February 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon
 - Animal Quality Assurance Training 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Sheep/Swine Tagging: Saturday, June 5th, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 - Animal Quality Assurance Training 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Horse Project

State 4-H Horse Show

The 2009 State 4-H Horse Show was held October 2-4, 2009, in Lewistown, Montana. Congratulations to the following Missoula County 4-H Members for participating and placing in the following classes:

Natalie Arnott

1st Place in Junior Showmanship ages 8-10
7th Place in Western Equitation ages 8-10
8th Place in Junior English Eq ages 8-10
3rd Place in English Horsemanship Level 1

Adeline Richardson

8th Place in Junior Showmanship ages 8-10
3rd in Junior Bareback Equitation ages 8-10
4th in Junior Western Equitation ages 8-10
4th Place in Junior English Eq ages 8-10
3rd Place in Western Horsemanship Level 2

Calliana Bagnell

3rd Place in Junior Showmanship ages 8-10
3rd Place in Junior Trail ages 8-10
3rd Place in Ranch Horse Levels 1 & 2

Secora Richardson

8th in Intermediate Bareback Eq ages 11-13
4th Place in 2 Year Old Western Horse
3rd in Level 1 Green Horse / Level 2 C to M
4th Place in Western Horsemanship Level 5
3rd Place in Intermediate Trail ages 11-13
1st in Green Horse / CtoM 2-3 yr old Horse
4th in Free-Style Reining ages 14 & Under

Colter Miller

7th Place in 4 Year Old Western Horse
6th in Level 2 Green Horse / Level 3 C to M
2nd Place in Ranch Horse Levels 1 & 2
6th Place in Junior Poles ages 13 & Under

New Horse Release form

The State 4-H Office has developed a Horse Project release form that replaces the Missoula 4-H Horse Project Waiver you have been used to filling out. The official name of this form is the *Montana 4-H Horse Project Permission and Assumption of Risk for Participation in all 4-H Horse Projects*. If you do not receive this form with your 4-H Project Materials, you can find it online on the 4-H Forms page: 4-H website > Forms. *These should be turned in before you work with a 4-H horse, or by December 31st.*

New Helmet Education Policy

The State 4-H Office has a new horse-related policy that states that 4-H Members enrolled in any 4-H Horse Projects must attend a horse helmet safety workshop and/or view the video "Every Time, Every Ride" twice during their 4-H Membership - once as a Junior (4-H age 9-13) and again as a Senior (4-H age 14 and up) unless they joined 4-H as a Senior Member, whereas they need only receive the training once. A DVD or VHS copy of the video is available to check out from the Extension Office. Call the Extension Office or see a member of the 4-H Horse Committee for further information.

Missoula 4-H Horse Guidelines & Western Games Manual

Updates have been made to both of these. Project Members will receive copies with their Project materials, but they are also available online: 4-H website > Committees > Horse

National Youth Horse Leaders Symposium - Lexington, Kentucky: March 19-21

This event is sponsored by the American Youth Horse Council. Early Bird Registration is due postmarked by February 24, 2010. Pre-registration ends March 12, 2010. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Fall 4-H Horse Judging Contest (from an article on missoula4h.blogspot.com)

It was a cold day in Turah: Thanks to everyone who came out on Sunday, the coldest October 11th on record, to participate in the fall 4-H Horse Judging Contest. The Pattersons and all the parents who brought food for the pot-luck deserve a huge thanks. It was delicious! The newly enclosed observation room at the Willowbend Farm arena was a big hit, with temperatures in the 20s outside. Congratulations to the following participants for placing in the top of their division:

Senior:

1st - Secora Richardson
2nd - Brianna Arnott
3rd - Brittany West
4th - Caitlin Creighton
5th - Jessica Brady
6th - Bre Junor

Novice:

1st - Emalee Ratliff
2nd - Claire Bagnell
3rd - Caleb Bagnell
4th - Bailey Kolb
5th - Tara Ratliff
6th - Sierra Getschman

Junior:

1st - Austin Patterson
2nd - Adeline Richardson
3rd - Colter Miller
4th - Natalie Arnott



Photo by Jeff Patterson

Shooting Sports Project

Shotgun Postal Match

In July and August, McCone County 4-H hosted a Shotgun Postal Match. The following Missoula County 4-H Members participated in the shoot, which was held at Missoula Trap and Skeet:

Senior Division

Sam Zeiser, Red ribbon (38x50)
Roy Handley, Red ribbon (36x50)

Junior Division

Ryan Handley, Red ribbon (16x50)
Colton LeRette, Red Ribbon (16x50)
Keith Clarke, Red Ribbon (14x50)

Shooting Sports Leader Training

Scheduled for December 4th and 5th in Kalispell. The registration deadline is/was November 25th, but if you have last-minute plans to attend, please contact Campbell at the Extension Office as soon as possible. This is a great way to become a certified Shooting Sports leader without traveling clear across Montana to do so. If you have been certified recently, you only need to attend the Saturday portion of the training.

National 4-H Shooting Sports trainings

Workshops will be held May 3-8, 2010, at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp near Weston, West Virginia; and May 10-15, 2010, in Grand Junction, Colorado. Instruction will be offered in Pistol, Muzzleloading, Shotgun, Rifle, Archery, Coordinator or Hunting. Contact Todd Kesner at the State 4-H Office by January 22nd for more information: tkesner@montana.edu.

4-H Awards & Recognition

County Awards

A recent record 67 4-H members were nominated for County Awards. Once nominated, members must turn in their completed 4-H record books and participate in an interview. A total of 61 Members turned in record books and 52 Members were interviewed. Congratulations to all, and thank you to our 14 interview Judges. Below are the results:

Kallie Elliott

Overall 4-H Achievement

Roy William Handley

Leadership, Citizenship

Austin Patterson

Leadership

Morgan Tucker

Market Beef

Sam Zeiser

Leadership

Garett Hueffed

Club Officer

Miranda Dupree

Citizenship, Leadership, Club Officer, Market Beef, Goat, Overall Achievement

Ashley Holmes

Leadership, Horse, Citizenship

Jackie Teague

Leadership, Citizenship, Market Beef, Dairy, Club Officer

Parker Hall

Overall 4-H Achievement

Colter Hall

Birds of Prey

Abigail Brinda

Cooking, Market Lamb

Ariel Brinda

Leadership, Photography, Market Lamb

Emilee Brinda

Mentoring, Market Lamb

Luke Overland

Excellent 1st Year Member

Lydia Amon

Horsemanship

Maria TeSoro

Citizenship, Horse Projects

Kayley Olean

Cooking, Photo, Drama, Market Swine, Citizenship, Overall 4-H Achievement

Brooke Kapalka

Citizenship, Sport Fishing, Gardening, Veterinary Science

Eric Kapakla

Citizenship, Entomology, Sport Fishing

Breanna Johnson

Rabbit

Elizabeth Cheff

Breeding Sheep, Market Lamb, Cooking

Rachael Cheff

Breeding Sheep, Market Lamb, Photography

Nicole Garren

Horsemanship

Colter Miller

Horse, Beef, Shooting Sports, Club Officer, Overall 4-H Achievement

Adeline Richardson

Horse, Poultry, Rabbit

Secora Richardson

Horse, Horse Science, Market Swine, Club Officer, Overall 4-H Achievement

Devon Randall

Shooting Sports, Leathercraft, Horse

Maheala Nissen

Market Swine

Calliana Bagnell

Horsemanship, Overall 4-H Achievement

Jordan Cole

Rabbit, Market Hog

Abby Indreland

Market Beef

Owen Indreland

Market Swine

Brett Charles

Market Lamb

Kaleigh Charles

Market Lamb

Makenzie Bauck

Market Lamb

Weston Waldbillig

Market Lamb

Abby Mytty

Breeding Beef, Market Beef

Riley Mytty

Breeding Beef, Market Beef

Jake Marr

Breeding Sheep, Market Lamb

Tyler Marr

Breeding Sheep, Market Lamb

Dylan Duffalo

Shooting Sports, Market Lamb

Isaac Hunter

Leadership, Overall 4-H Achievement

Sherry Walters

Leadership, Overall 4-H Achievement

Eric Parrish

Market Lamb

County Awards...

Brady Cather

Market Beef, Club Officer,
Citizenship, Leadership,
Community Service, Overall
4-H Achievement

Seth Foster

Citizenship, Community
Service, Market Lamb,
Leadership, Club Officer,

Overall 4-H Achievement

Caitlin Creighton

Citizenship, Leadership, Club
Officer, Horse Projects,
Overall 4-H Achievement

Elisabeth Landes

Market Lamb, Leadership,
Citizenship, Community
Service, Overall 4-H
Achievement

County Award Certificate of Participation

Bailey Kolb
Natalie Hamilton
Jessica Redler

4-H Club Officers for 2009-2010

Congratulations to the 4-H Members who have been elected to lead their clubs in the coming year. If you don't see your 4-H Club's Officers listed, please email the names and offices to us and we will publish them in the next 4-H Newsletter.

Frenchtown Valley

President	Secora Richardson
Vice President	Caleb Bagnell
Secretary	Devin Randall
Treasurer	Nicole Jauquet
Sergeant at Arms	Emily Beck

Mullan Trail Mustangs

President	Michaela Zimmerman
Vice-President	Laura Breidenbach
Secretary	Brittany Evelo
Treasurer	Randa Boler-Rummel

Blue Mountain

President	Cameron Rys-Sikora
Vice-President	Seth Foster
Secretary	Jacob Redler
Treasurer	Eric Parrish
Web Master	Shannon O'Hara
Sergeant of Arms	McKenzie Culver

Seeley Lake Trailblazers

President	Jackie Teague
Vice-President	Miranda Dupree
Secretary	Shelby Holmes
Treasurer	Hope Crowell
Historian	Paige Holmes

New Meadows

President	Raven Dryden
Vice-President	Elizabeth Licitra
Secretary	Dylan Landais
Treasurer	Garett Hueffed
Historian	Alicia Williams
Rec Leader	Robbynrae Williams
Song Leaders	Rhianna Hill and Krissi Hoffman

Bear Creek Buckaroos

President	Kirby Everson
Vice-President	Emma Edwards
Secretary	Cassie Fix
Treasure	Kaleigh Charles
Reporter/Historian	Makenzie Bauck
Sergeant at Arms	Zack Newbary



4-H News & Notes

4-H Club Officer Training

While we are busy meeting with some individual 4-H Clubs for Officer Trainings, the [county-wide 4-H Club Officer Training will be held Saturday, January 16th, from 1pm to 3pm at the Extension Office](#). Come see your 4-H friends from other 4-H Clubs and learn about how to be a more effective Club Officer.

Officer Training will include:

- a basic lesson on Parliamentary Procedure
- how to be a leader in your 4-H Club
- proper use of the gavel
- tips on planning and running successful meetings
- the duties of the President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter/Historian *other offices on request*
- a "mock meeting" as an example.

Don't forget:

- missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml
Tons of information including a 4-H Calendar, all the Forms you need, back issues of the 4-H Newsletter, Club pages and more!
- facebook.com/missoula4h
- missoula4h.blogspot.com
- twitter.com/missoula4h
- montana4h.org

Missoula 4-H is Online



2010 Multi-County 4-H Camp (from a post on facebook.com/missoula4h)

Spread the word! Dates for 2010 Multi-County 4-H Camp are Monday, June 21 to Saturday, June 26. Like last year, camp staff will arrive on Monday after 1 pm; campers will arrive on Tuesday after 1 pm and leave by 11am on Friday. Camp evaluation will occur Friday night and camp staff will do final clean up and leave by 11am Saturday. Counselor applications will come out sometime after Thanksgiving. We'll need a female, Youth Co-Director this year, so start thinking about that as well. Sam Zeiser is the male Youth Co-Director. The staff last year voted to go with a "Cowboy/Western" theme for camp in 2010. We've talked with Todd Kesner about some Cowboy Action shooting activities that might be appropriate considering the site, and he has some ideas that we'll explore.

4-H Grants Available

Applications for Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner Grants of up to \$500 per application are due postmarked by February 1st. 4-H groups and individual members may apply. Contact the Extension Office or the Montana 4-H Foundation for more information: www.montana4h.org.

4-H Extravaganza: Thursday, May 6th, 2010 - [Save the Date](#)

4-H Teens Only

Ambassador Report

(from the November 4, 2009, 4-H Council Board minutes)

Sam Zeiser, Senior Ambassador introduced Kirby Everson, Junior Ambassador, and Melody McDaniel, Ambassador Prospect.

The 2010 Montana Rec Lab, a 4-H Teen Leadership Development program, will be held either March 12/13 in Kalispell or April 17/18 closer to Missoula. Sam is trying to secure Frenchtown High School as the location. Rec Lab will begin on a Friday night with ice-breakers, Workshops are all day Saturday, and the event wraps up on Sunday by 10 am. Rec Lab was held in Forsyth last year and 300 people attended as they used the school and were able to keep the cost down.

Ambassador training was held at Fairmont Hot Springs in October with the theme "Unlocking the Treasures of 4-H." The feedback from the

kids was that this particular training was one of the best! Sam taught a workshop called "So You're An Ambassador, Now What?" where he explained the various positions and what is required of each. The State 4-H Ambassador Leadership Team presented a workshop as well.

Our 4-H Ambassadors will recruit new ambassadors, fundraise, and handle community service throughout this year. They will also assist Campbell with Club Officer Trainings.

Teen Leadership Project

Action Plans are due in the Extension Office by December 31st. (See The Clover page 34 for more information.)

This project is designed to teach teens to be a better leader through educational experiences, service, and practice. Members must be 13 years old by October 1st of the current 4-H year, have

completed at least one year in 4-H and be enrolled in at least one other 4-H project. After enrolling, you should decide on an area of focus with your leader and county agent, complete the teen leadership plan and turn it in to your leader or county agent by December 31st.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF)

This week-long trip to Washington, D.C. provides 4-H youth with a national experience related to citizenship, personal development and area culture. Applicants must be 15-19 years old and current 4-H members to attend. The 2010 event will be held June 12-19, 2010. *Applications are due in the State 4-H Office by February 1st.* For more information, visit the State 4-H website:
<http://montana4h.org/#program:15>
or
www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org

Just for 4-H Volunteers

NEW: Montana 4-H Volunteer Certification (*forms due 12/15*)

Beginning with the 2009/2010 4-H Year (starting October 1, 2009), all *Direct Volunteers* must be approved through the Montana 4-H Volunteer Certification process. A Direct Volunteer is an individual who volunteers in a capacity that includes face-to-face, unsupervised contact with youth. Examples include but are not limited to: Organizational Leaders, Project Leaders, chaperones, volunteers transporting youth, exchange hosts, etc. Once an individual has successfully cleared the certification process and been accepted as a volunteer, he/she will be considered a certified volunteer as long as no break in service occurs or he/she is not dismissed as a 4-H volunteer. Volunteers will be re-screened if there is a break in service for one calendar year or more or if new information arises regarding their background.

4-H Volunteer Leader Development Opportunities

Missoula 4-H Volunteer Update / Training

On Saturday, **January 16th**, we will hold our annual 4-H Volunteer training from 9:30am to 11:30am at the Extension Office. This workshop is geared toward all 4-H Project Leaders, New Volunteers and 4-H Parents. Please encourage your 4-H Volunteers to attend. Extension Staff and experienced 4-H Volunteers will discuss the following:

- information on the new Montana 4-H Volunteer Certification process
- information sharing from seasoned Org. Leaders, Project Leaders and Project Committee members
- information for Project Leaders - including help with 4-H Record Sheets
- new State forms and policies for Livestock and Horse Projects
- information on upgrades to the Quality Assurance educational materials that are available
- any other topics you're interested in and email to me by January 4th

4-H Ads

Steers for sale: \$750 and \$850. Call Ben Newbary for details, 240-0496 or 273-0508.

From The Winchester Dukes 4-H Club in Clinton: We will be holding a **Christmas Crafts Fair Fundraiser** at the Clinton School Gym on Sunday, **December 13th, from 10am to 5pm**. The Crafts Fair will feature some unusual booths, including a "make your own craft," with a variety of gifts for family and friends. Have your picture taken with Santa! There will be stocking stuffers, a bouncy house, food vendors and a raffle. Come join us for a day of fun! *Contact Angela Campbell at 825-3182 for more information.*

4 - H CALENDAR

Dec 1, Tue	Deadline to Re-enroll in 4-H, 5:00 pm
Dec 2 - Jan 1	\$10.00 late fee to re-enroll in 4-H
Dec 1, Tue	2010 State Farm Service-Learning Champion Award Applications Due
Dec 1, Tue	Applications Due for State 4-H Livestock Committee membership
Dec 2, Wed	4-H Council 6pm / Org Leader Holiday Social 6:30 pm, Extension Office
Dec 3, Thurs	4-H Dog Project Workshop, 6:30pm, Extension Office
Dec 4-5, Fri-Sat	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training, Kalispell
<i>Dec 9, 10</i>	<i>No 4-H Horse Committee or 4-H Livestock Committee meeting in Dec</i>
Dec 15, Tue	Missoula Direct 4-H Volunteer paperwork & fee due
Dec 15, Tue	Early Bird Registration Due for 2010 Western Region Leaders' Forum in NM
Jan 1, Fri	No 4-H Re-enrollment forms accepted after this date
<i>Jan 6</i>	<i>No 4-H Council meeting in Jan</i>
Jan 9, Sat	Beef weigh-in - Ag Center: 9am - 11am only
Jan 13, Wed	4-H Horse Committee, 7pm, Extension Office
Jan 14, Thurs	4-H Livestock Committee, 7pm, Extension Office
Jan 16, Sat	4-H Volunteer Update / Training 9:30-11:30am, Extension Office
Jan 16, Sat	4-H Club Officer Training 1-3pm, Extension Office
Jan 26, Tues	North Valley 4-H Poultry Project Workshop, TBA

4-H Calendar - Continued...

Feb 24, Wed	Country Fair Committee, 6:30pm, Extension Office
Apr 22, Thurs	Hog weigh-in - Ag Center: 4-8pm only
Apr 24, Sat	<u>Tentative</u> Missoula 4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Ag Center
May 1, Sat	Mandatory Horse Project Clinic
May 6, Thurs	4-H Extravaganza, Ag Center, 5-8pm
May 20, Thurs	Sheep weigh-in, Ag Center, 5-7pm only
Jun 22-25, Tu-Fri	Multi-County 4-H Camp, Loon Lake (Staff 21 st -26 th)
Jul 6-9, Tu-Fri	4-H Congress, Bozeman
July 31-Aug 1	Western Montana Fair 4-H Horse Show
Aug 10-15	Western Montana Fair