

4-H Newsletter

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Dear 4-H Families,

As I type this letter to you very late at night nearly 4 months since our last newsletter, I am reminded of one of my favorite quotes - and something I constantly struggle with: "It is the job that is never started that takes the longest to finish."

Summer is fast approaching, kids are getting out of school, schedules are busy, and in preparation for the Fair, many are finally putting in that last bit of effort to complete all the 4-H Projects signed up for last fall. As the temperature heats up and the calendar fills up, let us all remember the 4-H philosophy: "Learn by Doing."

We can learn by helping plan for the family vacation, we can learn by working with those project animals we haven't touched since weigh-in, we can learn by finishing our Project Books early, or we can learn by putting the finishing touches on our quilting project the night before Fair interviews. All of our activities over the next few months have learning opportunities in them. Let's challenge ourselves to do more than just "the doing." Let's focus on "the learning" as well.

As the stress and the deadlines of our relaxing summer approach, let us encourage each other to start the jobs we would rather put off until tomorrow, to lend a hand to those we can help, and to be patient with our friends and neighbors who ran out of time before they ran out of things to do. Have a great summer - I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Campbell Barrett

Never underestimate the power of a thank you card.

Gwen Thibodeau was so impressed by thank you notes from Kaisa Ness, Caitlin Christopher, Brittany Evelo, Keith Clarke & Andrea Clarke, that she donated \$100 for fair awards this year.

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Fair

If you have any questions about the 4-H program or the fair process, do not hesitate to contact the office. We understand 4-H can be confusing to families new to the program.

Fair Entry Form deadline is Wednesday, June 30

A \$10.00 late fee will be required from all who enter after June 30. You don't have to wait until June 30 to turn in your forms. Organizational leaders have personalized fair entry forms for every member; however, you can enter in the fair using the generic form on page 98 of the fairbook. No entries will be accepted after July 7th.

Vet Science Manuals due Wednesday, June 30

Please complete and make sure your Vet Science manual is turned in to the 4-H Office by the deadline.

Sewing Machine application due Wednesday, June 30

Members in 2nd year of sewing or quilting are eligible to apply to win a sewing machine.

4-H Baking Contest: Open to all 4-H Members

- 1:00 pm, Sunday, August 15 on Fairgrounds
- Opportunity to win \$10.00 cash
- Enter in one of the following categories: fruit pie, cake, cookie or bar, yeast bread, muffin, or quick bread

Fair Passes

- 4-H/FFA members entering in the fair will receive a free punch card pass. Passes will be available in the 4-H Exhibit Building on Saturdays, July 31 and August 7 or during fair week.
- 4-H Leaders may purchase a \$10.00 pass for the week. [You must be on the list submitted to the Fair Office in order to make this purchase]
- 4-H Parents may purchase a \$20.00 pass for the week. [Your child's name must be on the list provided to the Fair Office in order to make this purchase]

Camping

Due to the return of horse racing, camping on the fairgrounds will be limited to space in the YMCA Skate Park area - no electricity, no running water. Call Lynn (258-3274) at the Fair Office to schedule. The price is \$25.00 for the week.

There is some camper space available in the Five Valley Bowl parking lot. Cost is \$11.00 per day - no electricity or water is available. Parking passes will be available soon for purchase at the bowling alley.

Parking

Good parking is difficult to come by fair week. You may be interested in reserving yourself a spot at the Five Valley Bowl parking lot. The rate is \$6.00 per day for cars and pick ups. Parking passes will be available soon for purchase at the bowling alley.

Fair Interview Judging

Horse Station judging will take place **July 13, 20 & 27**, 6:00 pm, Missoula Equestrian Park.

Dog Interviews will take place during the 4-H Dog Show on **Saturday, August 7**.

Livestock Interviews will be on **Saturday, August 7**, 9 am to noon. No appointment.

Shooting Sports Interviews will take place at the Shooting Sports Exhibition - location TBA.

Rabbit & Poultry Interviews will be on **Saturday, August 7**, 9 to noon. No appointment.

Exhibit Building Interviews require an appointment. Interviews will take place on **Saturday, July 31** and **Saturday, August 7**, 9 am to noon. Call Colleen, 258-4201, July 1-9 to make your appointment.

Showmanship: Clarification

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.

4-H Café

Pies: All 4-H families are asked to bring one homemade pie to sell in the 4-H Café during fair week. Apple pies are a favorite and we always run out during fair week. Brenda Hallas will prepare and bake pies for us again this year. If you prefer to have Brenda bake a pie, rather than bake it yourself, bring frozen fruit to the 4-H Café Saturday, August 7, 9 am to noon. The homemade pies can contain canned milk and pasteurized eggs.

Hog Raffle

All members are asked to sell at least 5 hog raffle tickets at \$1.00 each for the 4-H fundraiser. The club selling the most raffle tickets will receive \$100 to spend as they please. There will be two Hog Raffle winners. Each will receive one-half of a cut and wrapped hog.

Dress Code

Pay attention to dress code requirements for your particular project(s) area. Information is listed in the fairbook. Dog, page 102; Horse, page 103; Livestock, page 137.

Country Fair Challenge

The **Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club** has donated **\$150** to help with the cost of putting on the Country Fair. They have challenged other Missoula 4-H Clubs to make a contribution as well. If at least 5 other 4-H Clubs donate to the Country Fair, the Rocky Mountain Packers will donate another \$100 to the Country Fair. *Thanks to the Packers for their generosity!*

Horse

Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H/FFA and Open Horse Show
Saturday, June 12, Missoula Equestrian Park
Registration forms at the Extension Office and on the 4-H website



Frenchtown Valley 4-H Club Open Horse Show
Saturday, July 17, Missoula Equestrian Park
For more information, contact Missy Miller, 240-3450.

4-H Trail Ride, Saturday, June 19th

Our annual ride for 4-H Trail Project members starts at 9am up Gold Creek Road off Hwy 200 south of Potomac. Make sure you read your Trail Ride project information in the Horse Guidelines. Families are welcome to attend. Everyone under 18 must wear a helmet. Please bring water for riders. Gold Creek will provide water for the horses. Arrive by 8:00 am so you have enough time to unload and prepare your horse prior to the 9:00 am departure time. For more info call Sigrid Anders-Olson, 244-3621.

"4-H Legends" Horse Clinic - June 26th - Missoula Equestrian Park

Come learn from the legends of the Missoula 4-H Horse Program. Some of your favorite former 4-Hers will be teaching a variety of clinics this day. Clinics on patterns, riding, horsemanship and showmanship, for big and miniature horses will be available. Check in at the Main Arena for a 9am start. There is no fee for this clinic. There will be a pot luck lunch (a "do it yourself" grill will be available). We will provide drinks. Please RSVP by June 24th to Denielle Richardson at 626-4042.



Treasure State Open Show
Saturday, July 10, Missoula Equestrian Park
AND

Big Sky Classic Open Show
Sunday, July 11, Missoula Equestrian Park

To access a premium book and entry forms, go to www.mshsa.org and click on "horse shows." Both shows are listed in PDF format to download all the information you need!

Horse Station Judging & Practices

Tuesdays, July 13, 20 & 27, 6:00 pm, small arena, Missoula Equestrian Park

You must attend one night and complete station judging in order to participate in the Fair Horse Show. Bring your completed record book. Call Missy Miller with questions, 240-3450.

Livestock

Fred Everson Memorial Livestock Show, Saturday, July 10, Lolo Peak Arena

Weigh in starts with hogs at 8 am followed by lambs and beef at 8:30 am

The actual show will begin at 9:30 am starting with hogs, followed by lambs and beef.

Call Kim Marr for a registration form or details, 273-7043 or 370-1803 or visit the 4-H website:

<http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.shtml> > click Forms

Market Animal Weigh-Ins

Weigh-ins have been completed. There are 39 market beef, 122 market hogs and 67 market lambs eligible for the 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale at the fair this year.



Livestock Buyers

By all means, 4-H & FFA members may contact potential buyers and invite them to attend the Livestock Sale. What you should not do is ask them to show up to specifically buy your animal.

Livestock Judging Contest Results

Congratulations to the following Missoula 4-H members for placing at our annual Missoula 4-H / FFA Livestock Judging Contest on April 24th. We had competitors there from Missoula, Granite, Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, Teton and Sweet Grass Counties. Thanks to Missoula FFA for hosting the facilities and providing many of the animals.

Novice Individual

2nd Place - Weston Waldbillig

4th Place - Brittany Evelo

5th Place - Michaela Zimmerman

6th Place - Justin Evelo

Junior Individual

1st Place - Jon Andres

Senior Individual

3rd Place - Roy Handley

5th Place - Secora Richardson

6th Place - Kirby Everson

These three Missoula Seniors are eligible to compete in the State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest at 4-H Congress next month. Their Registration fees will be paid by the 4-H Council.

4-H Congress

Unlock the Treasure at Montana 4-H Congress: Any Missoula 4-H Member who was at least 14 on October 1st, 2009, can attend **4-H Congress July 6-9** on the MSU Campus in Bozeman. The cost is \$210 for the week, and *registration is due in the Missoula 4-H Office by Friday, June 11th*. Call Campbell and visit this site for more information: <http://montana4h.org/#program:1>



Other Project Notes

4-H Dog Project continues to meet at the Fort Missoula Dog Park on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. For full information, see the Dog Committee page:

http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H_committees_dog.shtml

4-H Trap Shoot: Open to 4-H Shooting Sports Project members and others - come to Missoula Trap & Skeet Club on **Tuesdays at 6:30pm**. A postcard with more information was mailed to all Shooting Sports Project members. **Contact Roy W. Handley** (825-7781) or Dave Clarke (726-3326) with questions.

North Valley 4-H Poultry group will meet at the Missoula County Extension office at 6:30pm on Tuesday, June 22nd. Contact Laura DeNitto at 273-4645 or myfunnyfarm4@msn.com for info.

Congratulations & Updates

Graduates

Congratulations to all of our graduating Senior 4-H Members. We will miss all of you, and we wish you the best with all of your "life after 4-H" endeavors. We hope to see many of you back as 4-H Volunteers in the near future.

Chelsea Allaire
Sean Amundson
Pat Bagnell
Franki Bears
Ariel Brinda
Emilee Brinda

April Burnett
Caitlin Christopher
Luke Clark
Raven Dryden
Emma Edwards
Kirby Everson

Brittany Graf
Ethan Hall
Sam Hall
Ashley Holmes
Ely Indreland
Elizabeth Licitra

Abby Mytty
Corbin Newbary
Lila Severson
Jared Stalkfleet
Kylie Tromp
Sam Zeiser

Ambassadors

A special thank you to **Sam Zeiser**, Senior Ambassador; **Kirby Everson**, Junior Ambassador; and **Melody McDaniel**, Ambassador Prospect, for serving as Missoula's 4-H Ambassadors for 2009-2010. 4-H Ambassador Interviews have taken place. The new Missoula County 4-H Ambassador team for 2010-2011 consists of **Melody McDaniel**, Junior Ambassador; and Prospects: **Alyssa Morris**, **Jacob Moran**, **Maria TeSoro**, **Roy Handley**, **Brenna Glidewell**, **Dylan Landais**, and **Austin Patterson**.

Drama Festival

The Potomac-Greenough Community Center hosted our 84th Annual 4-H Drama Festival on March 13th. Big thanks to our judges Paula Marcinkowski and Sally Tromp. The results:

Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club - *The Happy Scarecrow*

Emma Swartz - Outstanding Supporting Actress

Sam Zeiser - Outstanding Performance



Potomac Valley 4-H Club - *Happily Never After*

Annika Erickson - Outstanding Actress

Rebecca Vann - Outstanding Supporting Actress

Trenton Crowe, Wyatt Hudson, Julia Hudson, Hope Cheff - Ensemble

Mersaydees Cheff - Outstanding Performance

Judge's Choice award to the Club - Use of Stage



New Meadows 4-H Club - *A Bard of Brothers*

Garett Hueffed - Outstanding Actor

Sadie Reh - Outstanding Supporting Actor



Overall Awards

Garett Hueffed - Outstanding Actor

Annika Erickson - Outstanding Actress

Rhianna Hill - Outstanding Supporting Actor

Sadie Reh, Mersaydees Cheff, Emma Swartz - Outstanding Supporting

Trenton Crowe, Wyatt Hudson, Julia Hudson, Hope Cheff - Ensemble

Outstanding Performance - Sam Zeiser

Judge's Choice - Rocky Mountain Packers for Costumes

Judge's Choice - Potomac Valley for Use of Stage

Kylie's Archery Competition

On April 10th, Kylie Tromp held a 4-H Archery competition as part of her Senior 4-H Project in Archery. Kylie also applied for and received a People Partner Grant for \$150 from the Montana 4-H Foundation to support this event. We had a great turnout. Congratulations to the shooters, and Thank You to Kylie!

Junior without Sights

Parker Hall - 1st

Josiah Hamer - 2nd

Luke Overland - 3rd

Colter Hall - 4th

Maria TeSoro - 5th

Lydia Amon - 6th

Lyndon Amon - 7th

Junior with Sights

Tanner Zimmerman - 1st

Zach Zimmerman - 2nd

Devin Randall - 3rd

Drew Blubaugh - 4th

Trevor Zimmerman - 5th

Michaela Zimmerman - 6th



Senior with Sights

Colter Miller - 1st

Tyler Brewer - 2nd

Rec Lab

Montana 4-H Rec Lab was hosted by District 1 and held in Corvallis, this year April 16-18. Missoula County had great group at this state-wide teen event with 9 members in attendance. Be sure to ask these 4-H leaders about their experience at Rec Lab. You can join us next spring in Shelby when District 2 hosts.

Holly Beary

Mariah Cooper

Hope Crowell

Shelby Holmes

Sidny Johnson

Brenna Glidewell

Kyla Boschmann

Skyla Duffalo

Sam Zeiser



Demo Day

We had a great turnout for Demo Day on April 20th! Thanks to our wonderful judges Becky Robinson and Val Warehime. Congratulations to the following individuals:

Junior Demonstration

Lydia Amon - Blue
Lyndon Amon - Blue
Jon Andres - Red
Kyla Andres - Blue
Abi Brinda - Blue
Josiah Hamer - Blue
Jack Noonan - Purple
Zara Noonan - Blue
Maria TeSoro - Purple
Michaela Zimmerman - Purple

Junior Illustrated Talk

Max Andres - Blue
Becky Brand - Blue
Colter Hall - Blue
Sydney McDaniel - Blue
Brianna Pfister - Blue
Taylor Pfister - Blue

Senior Demonstration

Emilee Brinda - Red
Roy W. Handley - Purple

Senior Illustrated Talk

Ariel Brinda - Blue
Melody McDaniel - Purple



Extravaganza

Congratulations to the following 4-H Clubs. The club with the highest percentage of its members present at the 4-H Extravaganza and the club with the highest number of members present both win a \$100 prize for their 4-H Club. We had a great turnout and great workshops - the weather even cooperated a little. Thanks to the Chamber of Commerce's Agri-Business Committee for sponsoring, cooking and serving dinner!

Percentage present

52.9% - Rocky Mountain Packers
47.3% - Mullan Trail Mustangs
45% - Potomac Valley
35.7% - Seeley Lake Trailblazers
26% - Frenchtown Valley

Members present

27 - Mullan Trail Mustangs
18 - Potomac Valley
17 - Rocky Mountain Packers
14 - Frenchtown Valley
10 - Seeley Lake Trailblazers



In other News...

Sam Zeiser, Senior 4-H member from the Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club, received the Bud Dawson Livestock Scholarship. This is one of only 15 Scholarships presented through the Montana 4-H Foundation.

Austin Patterson, member of the Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club, was invited to become an Accredited Instructor Candidate under the supervision of Frank Bell, of Dances with Horses, Inc.

Mariah O'Boyle, member of the Potomac Valley 4-H Club, received the annual Ken Shughart Humanitarian Award from the Humane Society of Western Montana.

4-H CALENDAR

June 12	Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H Club Horse Show, Equestrian Park
June 19	Missoula 4-H Horse Project Trail Ride, 8am Check-in, Gold Creek Rd
June 22	North Valley 4-H Poultry group, 6:30pm, Msla Extension Office
June 22-25	Multi-County 4-H Camp at Loon Lake (<i>Camp Staff 21st-26th</i>)
June 26	Missoula "4-H Legends" Horse Clinic, 9am, Equestrian Park
June 30	Country Fair Committee, 6:30pm, Extension Office
June 30	Deadline for fair entry forms, vet science books, sewing machine apps
July 6-9	4-H Congress in Bozeman
July 7	No Fair Entries accepted after this date
July 10	Fred Everson Memorial Livestock Show. Lolo Peak Arena
July 13, 20 & 27	4-H Horse Project Station Judging at Equestrian Park, 6pm
July 17	Frenchtown Valley 4-H Club Horse Show, Equestrian Park
July 28	Country Fair Committee, 6pm (pizza), 6:30pm (meeting), Fairgrounds
July 31-Aug 1	Western Montana Fair 4-H Horse Show, Fairgrounds
July 31	4-H Exhibit Building Interviews, Fairgrounds
August 7	4-H Exhibit Building, Rabbit, Poultry and Livestock Interviews, Fairgrounds
August 7	4-H Dog Show & Interviews, Fairgrounds
Aug 10-15	Western Montana Fair

Every Month

1 st Wednesday	4-H Council Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office (<i>anyone can attend</i>)
2 nd Wednesday	4-H Horse Committee, 7pm, Extension Office (<i>anyone can attend</i>)
2 nd Thursday	4-H Livestock Committee, 7pm, Extension Office (<i>anyone can attend</i>)

Every Tuesday in June 4-H Dog Project classes, 6:30pm, Fort Missoula Dog Park

Every Tuesday now to Fair 4-H Trap Shoot, 6:30pm, Missoula Trap & Skeet Club

