



Happy New Year!

Welcome to the 2009-2010 4-H Year. If you are new to 4-H, this is your first newsletter. The newsletter is usually published every other month, with special editions prior to the Fair. The newsletter is full of information about upcoming events, deadlines, and opportunities, so be sure to read it carefully. We would like to encourage you to take the opportunity to try something new when you read about it in the newsletter. Please feel free to contact us at any time for more information, or visit our website at: <http://www.msuextension.org/judithbasin/4H.html>.

Club enrollments for this year are as follows:

Stanford Scramblers:	6 new members	30 return members	Total: 36
Geyser Lucky Clovers:	2 new members	15 return members	Total: 17
Utica Sapphires:	6 new members	17 return members	Total: 23
Rocking JB's:	2 new members	10 return members	Total: 12
Independent Members		4 return members	Total: 4

If you have any project books that have not been written in or used and would like to donate them to the Extension Office we would gladly take them. Best wishes for a great new year.

Leader Enrollments and Volunteer Screening

We have quite a few leader enrollment forms and dues in the office already. If you would like to be a project leader or leader at large please let us know and we will get you an enrollment form. These need to be in by January 15th as we have to report to the state by the 15th of January. The fee for the year to be a leader is \$5.00. Please visit with your Organizational Leader as some of the clubs are paying their leader's dues.

All volunteers that are currently serving in a direct capacity must be cleared through the certification process by January 15. Thereafter, volunteers *may not serve* in a direct capacity until they have cleared the process.

Dates & Deadlines

Jan. 15-Volunteer Certification and Enrollments Due

Jan 30-Flathead Shooting Sports Invitational

Feb 1-People Partner Grant Applications Due

April 1- 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due

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District and Local 4-H News

Winter Livestock Judging and Project Day

The Winter Livestock Judging and Project Day was held Monday, December 28th at the Stevenson Genetics sale barn in Hobson.

Beginners: 1st - Rachel Stevenson
2nd- Claire Stevenson
3rd- Beau Drivdahl

Juniors: 1st - Jordan Stevenson
2nd - Faith Stevenson
3rd - CJ Stevenson

Seniors: 1st - Kensey Mikkelsen
2nd - Wayne Stevenson

Congratulations to all! Remember, in order to judge at the NILE, you need to attend two out of three county livestock judgings. The next one will be the spring judging in Geyser. Dates and times will be announced at a later date. There is a great website with lots of livestock judging information at: www.ansi.okstate.edu. Start practicing now so you're ready for the next judging!

4-H Senior Camp

When: March 5-7
Where: St. Thomas Camp, Monarch MT
What: "The New Frontiers of 4-H"

Registration due Feb. 23 \$40 fee
There are so many new and exiting changes with our 4-H Projects this year, we thought Senior Camp would provide a great opportunity to discover them. Workshops will explore Robotics, Outdoor Adventures, Wildlife, Wind Energy, Theater Arts, Visual Arts, Exploring 4-H and Home Environment. Snow shoes will be available for use during free time and recreation. The traditional formal dinner will highlight Saturday evening. This camp is a wonderful adventure for all teen 4-Hers, 13 by the dates of camp. Please mark your calendars and return the enclosed registration form by Feb. 23. We look forward to discovering the new frontiers of 4-H with you!

Quality Assurance Training

It's time for Quality Assurance classes once again! This class is required every two years for all 4-H members enrolled in market or breeding animal projects (beef, sheep, and swine). This training covers best production practices related to animal care, nutrition, and handling that 4-H members should be utilizing when raising their animals. This training is required by Montana 4-H in order to ensure that 4-H members are producing the best quality animals possible. Training includes group discussions and hands-on activities.

Certification is good for two years, so if you took the class in 2008, you need to take it again this year. We encourage siblings to attend training sessions in the same year. Parents, if you have one child who was certified in 2008 and one certified in 2009, you might want to have them both attend this year's training. A parent or guardian **MUST** attend the training with the 4-H member. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** If a parent or guardian is not present at the training, the child will **not** be eligible to exhibit or sell their animals at the Fair. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions.

According to our records, the following individuals need to certify or re-certify this year:

Tommy Ballentine	Kensey Mikkelsen
Tyler Ballentine	Audrey Oltrogge
Dillon Boberg	Colt Pospisil
Beau Drivdahl	Hannah Pospisil
Ember Drivdahl	Jake Solomon
Landon Henderson	Brittany Stevenson
Maria Henderson	Claire Stevenson
Jack Holzer	Leisa Stevenson
Katie McDonald	Rachel Stevenson
Adam Metcalfe	Kristen Vincent
Matthew Metcalfe	Lane Whiteman
Nick Metcalfe	Tyler Whiteman

Montana Fair Junior Livestock Show

If you are interested in taking market animals to the Montana Fair in Billings in August, you must attend the mandatory animal tagging. You can tag 3 animals per species, exhibit 2 animals per species, and sell one animal. The beef tagging day is scheduled for

February 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon at PAYS. Complete details are available by contacting Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 256-2828.

State 4-H News

People Partner Grant Applications Are Due February 1st.

\$10,000 is available this year thanks to the generous support from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation. If you have questions on People Partner Grants look online at www.montana4h.org or contact the Foundation office at 406.994.5911

Operation Military Kids needs You!

Your 4-H club or project can take on Hero Packs as a Community Service Project! Hero Packs are a hands-on way for youth to hand-deliver a salute to military children and youth for their strength and sacrifice while their parent is deployed. You can help by donating disposable cameras, hand written Hero letters, picture frames, stationary, and/or lots of Fun Stuff to fill up our Hero Packs.

To find out more contact

Caroline Dettle

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406-994-6241 or ddettle@montana.edu

2010 Rec Lab

Mark your calendars and plan to attend Montana 4-H Rec Lab, scheduled for April 16-18 in Corvallis! Also, please consider presenting a workshop at Rec Lab.

2010 FLATHEAD COUNTY 4H SHOOTING SPORTSAIR RIFLE, PISTOL, AND ARCHERY INVITATIONAL

When: JANUARY 30, 2010

LOCATION: Grandstand Building at the Flathead County Fair grounds, Kalispell Montana.

From south of Kalispell, go north on Main Street to Idaho Street, turn left on Idaho and go to Meridian road. Turn right on Meridian, Fair Grounds are on your right. From north of Kalispell, turn right off of Hwy 93 North at Meridian. Go south on Meridian to Fair grounds on your left at Idaho St.

RULES: Current (2009-2010) USA Shooting rules will govern the rifle portion. **Equipment:** Sporter Air Rifle, Precision Air Rifle, and Air Pistol. Bows will be classified as, Unlimited, Limited, Bare Bow, or Primitive. **Distance:** Ten meters. **Targets:** Rifle will use AR-5/10, Pistol will use the B40 target. Archery will use the FITA 16-inch ten-ring target.

ENTRIES: Advanced Entries are required to attend this match. Individual entries must be received by January 25, 2010 to be accepted. Mail all entries to Flathead County 4-H Shooting Sports P.O. Box 67, Kalispell Montana, 59901. For questions call Dennis Urban 406-755-7663 (Rifle), Joan Stewart 406-755-8523 (Archery), and Timber Stevens 406-257-8788 (Pistol).

FEES: Individual entry will be \$10.00 per event. (i.e. \$10 rifle, \$10 archery, and \$10 for Pistol).

MATCH SCHEDULE: The entire match will be held on Saturday January 30, 2010. Relays will be held for Sporter Air Rifle at 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, and 3:00PM. Precision Air Rifle will be held at 9:00AM and 3:00PM only. Air Pistol will be held at 11:00AM, and 1:00PM. Archery will be held at 9:00AM, 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM, 3:00PM.

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Montana 4-H Foundation supports 4-H initiatives that focus on healthy living, citizenship, leadership, science, engineering and technology, to name a few. The mission of the Montana 4-H Foundation is to “help 4-H youth by raising private funds, managing financial resources and partnering with the MSU Extension Service to fund educational opportunities for Montana 4-H youth, volunteer leaders and staff.”

Scholarships and grants provide opportunities for youth to strengthen their skills and maximize their positive impacts on the communities in which they live.

Applications for scholarships should be mailed to the Montana 4-H Foundation postmarked on or before April 1st. Please visit <http://montana4h.org/#program:30> for individual scholarship information.

Girls For A Change

The annual Girls for a Change conference is Saturday, February 27, 2010 in Bozeman. Keynote speaker, Stephanie Quayle, is a Bozeman native now a country singer living in Los Angeles. Cost is \$20 per person for a full day of workshops. Some scholarships are available. For more information go to <http://www.allthrive.org/programs/girls-for-a-change/2010-live-out-loud-conference/>.

National 4-H News



Do you know a 4-H'er who has a passion for government, history, political science, working with youth, public speaking, or leadership? If so, encourage them to apply for the position of Program Assistant (PA) at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center! Application deadlines are approaching soon and we want to give 4-H alumni and Collegiate 4-Hers an opportunity to make a difference during their spring or summer semester. Our PAs will be touching the lives of thousands of high school-aged students from all over the United States while working for the Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) program in Washington, DC.

CWF gives 4-Hers the opportunity to strengthen their communication, leadership, and other citizenship skills on a national level. Nearly 2,000 young people exchange ideas, practice respect, and form friendships with other youth from diverse backgrounds throughout the summer. Through hands-on activities, simulations, and tours of various monuments and memorials, participants figure out what citizenship means to them and develop action plans to make a difference in their home communities. As a CWF Program Assistant, these 4-H leaders will create, develop, and facilitate curriculum to be used during the 2010 program.

We are looking for individuals with at least a high school diploma (preferably some college experience)

and a passion for youth development, hospitality, teaching, history, politics, or leadership. If you know a college student looking for credit towards graduation, National 4-H Council will happily work with the student and the school to make this possible. Listed below is the link for information and application materials.

Citizenship Washington Focus Program Assistant: Application due January 18, 2010 <http://www.citizenshipwashingtonfocus.org/programassistant.aspx>

For more information please contact:

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information and registration go to <http://nm4h.nmsu.edu> and then click on "details" under the WRLF logo.

IFYE Exchange

Outbound: All Outbound applications (chaperone and delegate) are due January 15, 2010. Current 4-H members interested in a summer exchange may apply for Australia (June 16-July 15), Costa Rica (June June 19-July 17), Norway (June 13-July 14) and Japan (June 10-August 5 or July July 7-August 5). To apply, submit your application along with a \$350 deposit to Stephanie Davison.

Inbound: Montana will host 32 Japanese youth and two adult chaperones this summer from July 21-August 19. Host families are needed. Application deadline is April 1, 2010.

4th Annual Rachel Carson Contest

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to submit creative projects to the 4th annual Rachel Carson intergenerational "Sense of Wonder" contest. The categories are poetry, photography, essays and dance. The contest seeks to instill a sense of wonder for the environment among all generations and spur environmental stewardship.

Carson is considered to be the founder of the contemporary environmental movement through her landmarkbook, Silent Spring. Its publication is credited with reversing the nation's pesticide policy.

Entries must be from a team of two or more persons from both younger and older generations. EPA is working with the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, the Rachel Carson Council, Inc., and Generations United to sponsor this contest.

The deadline for team entries is June 16, 2010. The winners will be announced in October 2010. The public will have the opportunity to vote among the finalists for the winners in each category. More information:

<http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/thesenseofwonder/index.htm>

Judith Basin County 4-H Council Minutes

IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE!!

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Attention!!
This is the first newsletter you will receive
for the new 2009-2010 year! If you know
anyone that did not receive their newsletter
please let us know!

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

The MSU Extension Service is an ADA/EO/AA/Veteran's Preference Employer and Provider of Educational Outreach.