



Judith Basin County

4-H News

January/February 2011



Welcome to the 2010-2011 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 advantage of opportunities for upcoming events, new

projects, or trainings that are discussed in the newsletter. Please feel free to contact us at any time for more information.

Club enrollments for this year are as follows:

Stanford Scramblers: 2 new Cloverbuds, 4 new members, 23 return members
Geyser Lucky Clovers: 3 new Cloverbuds, 3 new members, 13 return members
Utica Sapphires: 1 new Cloverbud, 8 new members, 25 return members
Rocking JB's: 6 return members
Independent Members: 1 new member, 1 return member

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 serve as a project leader or activity/resource leader please let us know as soon as possible. As of last year, 4-H volunteers are now required to participate in a mandatory screening process. The State 4-H Office is requesting that all volunteers serving in a direct capacity should be cleared through the certification process by January 15th. Volunteers may still apply after this deadline; however, they may not begin their direct service until they have been cleared through this process.

As in the past, leader's fees for the year are \$5.00. Please visit with your Organizational Leader as some of the clubs are paying their leader's dues. If you have any questions or concerns about the leader enrollment process, please feel free to contact us.

Dates & Deadlines

Jan. 15 - Volunteer Certification and Enrollments Due

Feb 1 - People Partner Grant Applications Due

Feb. 5 - Montana Fair Beef Tagging, Billings, 9:00 a.m. - noon, PAYS

Feb. 13th - Market Animal Quality Assurance Training, 1 - 3 p.m., Stanford City Hall

April 1- 4-H Foundation Scholarship Applications Due

April 1-3 - 4-H Rec Lab, Shelby

April 15 - 4-H Ambassador Applications Due!

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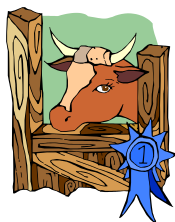
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District and Local 4-H News

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. This year's training has been scheduled for **Sunday, February 13th from 1-3 p.m. at the City Hall in Stanford.**

Certification is good for two years, so if you took the class in 2009, 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 2009 and one certified in 2010, 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:

Annala, Jessy
Dye, Justin
Fiedler, Addie
Hill, Chase
Holzer, Maria
Hughes, Devyn
Metcalf, Trinity
Pollari, Caleb
Randel, Cassidy
Randel, Taylor
Stevenson, Carson
Stevenson, Faith
Vincent, Brooke
Vincent, Kenneth

Auck, Dawson
Eike, Matthew
Hicks, Cheyenne
Hill, Clay
Hughes, Colton
Hughes, River
Mikeson, Hannah
Polzin, Tyler
Randel, Kyra
Stevenson, Abigail
Stevenson, CJ
Stevenson, Wayne
Vincent, Katie
Vincent, Stephen

Judith Basin County Ambassador Program

Are you interested in serving in a leadership role within the county and state 4-H program? If you're at least 14 years of age, have been a 4-H member for at least two years, and have served as a Club Officer or Teen Leader, the 4-H Ambassador program is for YOU!

The purpose of The Montana 4-H Ambassadors is to promote all phases of 4-H to all people by:

- Assisting in developing 4-H projects and activities
- Strengthening membership
- Assisting in the planning of Montana State 4-H Congress
- Encouraging youth input into county 4-H programming through existing councils and teen leader programs or formation of a 4-H youth council
- Promoting the exchange of ideas and opportunities through 4-H
- Promoting a statewide Montana 4-H Ambassador leadership program

Kirstie Fiedler has agreed to serve as the Key Leader for the Ambassador program. As a former Ambassador, Kirstie has a great deal of knowledge and experience to share. The Ambassador program is a wonderful opportunity to improve your leadership and communication skills while serving 4-H! Application forms are available at the Extension Office, and are due by **APRIL 15th**. Applicants will be asked to participate in an interview process. If you have any questions about the Ambassador program, or would like more information, please call our office or visit the State 4-H website at: www.montana4h.org. Click on "Programs," then "Youth Leadership Opportunities," then "Montana 4-H Ambassadors."

Project Update

It's not too late to sign up for the Dog project and receive some valuable assistance from leader Nathan Hammontree! He has regular dog obedience classes planned for participants. Call the office if you're interested in adding this project.

We are still in need of additional leaders for the

Shooting Sports project. Loren Drivdahl has been certified to instruct the Rifle project, but we need additional leaders to instruct Shotgun and Archery. Training is being offered for Shooting Sports leaders January 14 & 15 in Bozeman and again February 11 & 12 in Miles City. If you know anyone who would be willing to serve as a leader, please contact the Extension Office ASAP!

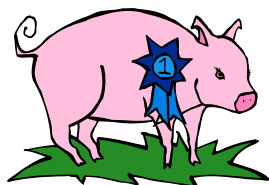
Montana Fair Junior Livestock Show

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 5th** 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

State Fair Junior Livestock Program

There have been several changes to the State Fair Junior Livestock program and we wanted to make sure everyone is aware of what is happening.



The formal nominations that were previously due in January and April are being eliminated. Instead, the Junior Livestock Superintendents will be mailing out entries to previous exhibitors on June 1, 2011. Entries will be DUE on July 1, 2011. Entry fees are being increased from \$25 to \$35 per animal. This increase will be used to cover expenses previously paid by nomination fees.

The tentative schedule for Junior Livestock events is August 2nd – August 5th, 2011. Check-in will be on Tuesday, August 2nd, with shows being held on Wednesday and Thursday and the sale on Friday evening. If you have questions about these changes, please contact Jamie and Jeff Wood, Junior Livestock Superintendents, at (406)562-3312 or at mtangus@3rivers.net. Also please feel free to contact our office if you have any additional questions.

****If you have never exhibited at the State Fair before and you plan to take a heifer, steer, lamb, or hog to the Fair this summer, you will need to contact the State Fair Office to request entry forms at (406) 727-8900.****

People Partner Grant Apps. Due Feb. 1st

People Partner grants provide financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living in their communities. Youth should be involved in planning and conducting the project. Grant applications are available online at www.montana4h.org. Click on “Programs,” then “Grants and Scholarships” then “Montana 4-H Foundation Grants.”

2011 Rec Lab

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab is an opportunity for youth to enhance their leadership, communication, and teambuilding skills in an interactive and action packed setting. Rec Lab is open to 4-H’ers ages 13 through 19. This year’s event will be held April 1-3 in Shelby, and the theme is “Become Your Own Character with 4-H.” The idea is a cartoon character theme. Registration will be available soon at the State 4-H website at www.montana4h.org. Click on “Events” then “Montana 4-H Recreation Lab.” Cascade County usually takes a bus to Rec Lab, so please let us know if you plan to attend so we can arrange transportation.

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.

The deadline for scholarship applications is April 1st. This deadline was previously May 1st. Please visit <http://montana4h.org/#program:30> for individual scholarship information.

Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development Citizenship Programs

International Outbound - Travel with 4-H youth from across the country to a variety of destinations. You must be 15 - 18 years of age for most of these trips. Opportunities to travel include: Australia (June 15-July 14), Costa Rica (June 18-July 16), Japan (June 9-August 4 or July 6-August 4), IFYE. Applications for delegates and chaperones are due January 12, 2011. Applications are on the 4-H website at www.montana4h.org. Click on "International Programs" then "International 4-H Youth Exchange."

NEW Leadership Opportunity! A month long trip to Mongolia is now being offered through the US Department of State and the University of Wyoming, in June of 2011.

Criteria:

Must be at least 15 and no older than 17.

Must have at least one semester of high school left after the exchange is over.

Must be able to participate in a pre-departure orientation in Wyoming from May 20-22, 2011.

Must have an interest in environmental issues, especially related to water quality, renewable resources and land reclamation/restoration

Must submit an application by January 15, 2011. Applications are posted at www.wyoming4h.org or by sending a request to Crawford@uwyo.edu. Initial screening of applications will be completed by the University of Wyoming staff and then by the Department of State.

Citizenship Seminar (February 27-March 1).

Girls for a Change Conference, "*The World We Want*", (February 26, 2011), Bozeman, Montana. Keynote speaker is Jane Olson from Human Rights Watch.

Contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or sdavison@montana.edu for more information on any of the programs above.

2011 Ag Day Essay Contest

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on 7th- to 12th-grade students to submit an original

essay of 450 words or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. The theme - "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer" - presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay or create a video that acknowledges the many ways today's growers are providing a safe, stable food supply and sustaining the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life.

• Theme - "American Agriculture: Your Food. Your Farmer."

- The 2011 Ag Day Essay Contest is divided into two categories of competition: written essay and video essay. Both are national competitions.
- Written Essay Length - Essays must contain no more than 450 words .
- Video Essay Length- The maximum length of the video is TWO (2) minutes.
- Eligibility - Students in grades 9-12 in the 2010-2011 school year. Contestants must be U.S. citizens. Contestants must meet all requirements to compete.
- National Video Essay Winner-\$1,000.
- National Written Essay Winner-\$1,000 and trip to Washington, D.C., to be recognized at the Celebration of Ag Dinner held at the Whitten Patio March 15, 2011.
- Deadline - Entries must be received by: **February 4, 2011**. Official rules are available at [Essay Rules](#) - from the web site - hpi.com/agdayessay/

SUBMIT ENTRIES TO:

2011 Ag Day Essay Contest
Agriculture Council of America
11020 King Street Suite 205
Overland Park, KS 66210
E-mail to: essay@agday.org

4-H COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 30, 2010

Attendees: Nancy Metcalfe-Treasurer, Sara Stevenson -Chair, Kim Vincent-Vice Chair, Traci Mikkelsen, Janna Kincheloe-MSU-JBC Extension Agent, Teresa Wilhelms-Secretary, Georgia Bigham.

Minutes: Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: Given by Nancy, Kim motioned to approve report with all accounts balanced, Georgia

2nd, motion carried.

Calendar Items:

- Greytak calendar orders are due by September 1, 2010. Janna will pick them up in October.
- Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Award: Discussion on ideas to nominate. Janna will check with the State 4-H Office to determine if the nominee must be a current leader or if they can be a past leader.
- 2010 State Leaders Forum - "Doin Time 4-H Style" on September 24th and 25th in Deer Lodge. These are workshop for leaders with skill building. Agents will teach the classes.
- National 4-H Week - Get some teens to talk to younger students. Geysler will be doing flags at their football game. We will have a window decorating contest for all the 4-H clubs. Nancy motioned for the window contest award to be \$50, Kim 2nd, motion carried. Everyone will check the website for the theme. We need to have them up by October 3rd.
- Club Financial Reports: Due by September 30, 2010.
- State 4H Horse Show will be held September 17th-19th in Lewistown. Registration due by September 3rd.
- NILE Livestock Judging will be held October 12th, Janna will figure teams and let everyone know.
- Mini Congress – For ages 11-13 October 21st and 22nd in Lewistown.
- 4H enrollments are due November 1, 2010

Old Business:

4-H Exchange Club Update: Nancy reported that the 4-H members had a "blast". They started with an ice breaker bar-b-que at the city park in Stanford. They stayed at Glacier Park in some really nice newly renovated cabins, attended the Charlie Russell Museum, and enjoyed a meal at the Oxen Yoke in Utica. We will be doing some more fundraisers for next summer. Dinners, live auctions or use of some foundation items were some of the ideas for fund raising. Questions were brought up on the use of National Trip funds. It was decided to bring this up at the policy review meeting.

Jackpot Show: Kim reported that it was cold and rainy but had a great turnout. We pretty much broke even on the funds (that is without promoting due to shortage of time). Next year we would like to get sponsors to help with awards.

Junior High Trip to Cody, WY: Janna reported that it was a great time for the few kids that attended.

Fair Review: Shirt color was brought up this year. The policy is vague on "light" color. This will be brought up at the policy review meeting. Parking was brought up as some parking was done on a grassy area outside the gate. With the heavy rains, some damage was done and repaired by land owner and the land owner requested that when setting up for the fair we can include the fence and rope that the Stampede Club uses to keep parking off grass. Schedule seemed to be very tight with small animal, horse show and sheep show on Friday. We need to try to do the awards and announcements prior to sale and make sure to start at 2:00 p.m. There should be no auction items that sell before the Grand Champion livestock entries since it seems to affect beginning bids. Everyone felt the judges were good and the prizes for the indoor entries were a great addition.

New Business:

Record Books: Deadline is September 15th to leaders and 22nd to Janna. Interviews will be held on the 30th.

4-H Achievement night: October 3, 2010 at 2:00 at the Utica Hall.

Policy Review Meeting Date & Procedures: Will be October 6th at 6:30 p.m. The council will provide pizza. Determination of how voting will be handled will be decided prior to the meeting.

Shooting Sports Project Leader: Lauren Drivdahl and Jason Loose will share the duties. Janna will contact them for training times.

Other: Policy on Leader Training will be discussed. Teresa brought up that Shooting Sports is the only project that requires a large amount of time spent on extensive training. To be able to have a "volunteer" to commit to the project we should pay for their mileage and even a hotel room if required to be there 2 days. Kirstie Fiedler will be the new Junior Leader Leader. We need to promote our Junior Leader program. Leisl Holtz is willing to give a reasons workshop before the Nile. We will be needing a new Beef Superintendent and Swine superintendent. Reports of premium money paid were given for the leaders so 4-H members can finish their books. A report for the 2010 Central Montana Fair was given. This report gave a breakdown of each counties entries and market animals sold. Georgia motioned to adjourn meeting, Kim 2nd, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Teresa Wilhelms, Secretary

IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE!!

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Attention!!
If you recently enrolled in 4-H, this is the first newsletter you will receive for the new 2010-2011 year. If you know anyone that did not receive their newsletter please let us know. Also, please make sure our office has your e-mail address so you receive important updates.

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.