



## Dates & Deadlines

March 4 - Demo Day registration due!

March 5 - Equine Conference

March 9-12 - Big Sky Quilt Retreat

March 15 - Senior Camp registrations due

March 18 - Demo Day

March 19 - Winter Livestock Judging

March 20 - Bunco Party

March 25-27 - Senior Camp

April 1-3 - Rec Lab

April 15 - Ambassador Applications due

April 23 - Easter Egg Hunt, Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.

May 1 - Fair Ads Due to Extension Office!

June 7-10 - 4-H Junior Camp, Monarch

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### Demonstration Day

Demonstration Day will be held Friday, March 18th at the Hobson School starting at 2:45 p.m. Here's your chance to hone your public speaking skills and get some great tips for improvements. Please remember, senior 4-H members....you must participate in Demonstration Day in order to attend State 4-H Congress! Registrations are due by **Friday, March 4th**. Requests for specific times are on a first come first serve basis. Registration form and guidelines are included in this newsletter. This event is open to the public, and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Bunco Party Time!



4-H Exchange members John Lillegard, Tyler Polzin, Adam Metcalfe, Cheyenne Hicks, and Jack Holzer are busy preparing for their trip to Missouri in June. As part of their fund-raising efforts, there will be a **Bunco Party** on March 20th at the Stanford School beginning at 4:00 p.m. The party is open to the public, so bring your family, friends, and neighbors. Tickets are \$10 apiece, or you can buy a 4-pack for \$30! Food and prizes are included. Please show them your support. Contact the Extension Office or an Exchange participant for tickets.

### Fair Book Ad Sales

Fair Book Ad Sale Sheets and payment are due back to the Extension Office no later than **May 1**. Ad sale sheets have been printed and will be given to leaders to be distributed at your next club meeting. Please remember that this is one of our major fundraisers for the year, so we need everyone to get out there and sell! Let your leader know if you know of any individuals or businesses who would like to purchase an ad.

### Winter Livestock Judging

Since the weather played havoc with our December plans, the Winter Livestock Judging has been rescheduled for March 19th. This fun and informative event will include a morning of livestock project-related workshops including livestock judging and reasons, meats, and more. Workshops will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Stevenson Angus Sale Barn, followed by lunch and the judging at noon. This is an opportunity for newer members to start working on their judging skills and also great practice for older members. Remember, you must attend two out of three county livestock judging events in order to qualify to participate at the NILE Livestock Judging in October.



## County 4-H Ambassadors Needed!

Applications are now being accepted for one Senior Ambassador to serve a one-year term and one Junior Ambassador to serve a two-year term. Ambassadors are enthusiastic 4-H members, 14 years of age or older as of October 1, 2010, that will represent our county 4-H program and promote 4-H at the community, county, and state level. Serving as an Ambassador means that you will work to strengthen 4-H membership in the county through promotion of ideas and opportunities and plan and implement local and state leadership events, including 4-H Congress. Kirstie Fiedler, former Judith Basin County Ambassador, has graciously agreed to serve as a Key Leader for the Ambassadors, and is a great resource if you have questions about the program. You can also get more information online at: <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:19>. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by **April 15th**. **Let's get the Ambassador program going again in Judith Basin County!**

## Judith Basin/Fergus/Petroleum 2011 Senior Camp



Senior Camp is offered every year in cooperation with Fergus/Petroleum Counties. The theme this year is "Get in the Game," and the camp will be held March 25 - 27th at St. Thomas Camp near Monarch. Due to a generous grant from the State 4-H Foundation, registration fees are only \$20. A registration form is enclosed in this newsletter and is due to the Fergus County Extension Office on March 15. The camp is open to all teen 4-H members 13 and older.

## Project Enrollment Drop or Add

The deadline for dropping or adding projects is right around the corner. Be sure to check your projects to see that everything is listed. At this time, Rifle is the only Shooting Sports discipline being offered. Check out the Project Leader list below to see which leaders you'll be able to contact for expert advice. Deadline for changes is June 1st. Call the office if you have any questions about adding or dropping a project.

## Project Leader Info.

Questions about projects? Want to get involved in something new? Here are your Judith Basin County Project leaders and their area(s) of expertise:

Beef: Clayton Annala, Heather Dye, Kim Vincent, Sara Stevenson  
Horse: Georgia Bingham, Heather Dye, Sara Stevenson  
Sheep: Jackie Urick, Kim Vincent  
Swine: Clayton Annala, Angie Boberg, Heather Dye  
Dog: Nathan Hammontree  
Rabbit: Sara Stevenson  
Vet Science: Sara Stevenson  
Sewing/Quilting: Rose Schindler, Julie Deegan  
Gardening: Wendy Vincent  
Shooting Sports (Rifle): Loren Drivdahl  
Hiking: Wendy Vincent  
Cloverbuds: Shelley Benzing  
Foods: Doreen Caquelin  
Scrapbooking: Sara Stevenson  
Teen Leadership: Kirstie Fiedler, Amy McDonald  
Ambassador Program: Kirstie Fiedler  
Leaders at large: Doug & Penny Linhart, Jan French (livestock, demonstrations, record books, and range), Janet & Paul Wertheimer

## State 4-H News

### Montana 4-H State Awards

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. For more information about the awards program and an application, please visit the following website: <http://montana4h.org/#program:9>. **Application Deadline is May 1, 2011 .**



### Starter Flock Program

Are you interested in starting your own flock of sheep? The Montana Columbia Association is

awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at 937-2775 or email her at [wallywld@northerntel.net](mailto:wallywld@northerntel.net). This program is for youth ages 10-17 and the **deadline to apply is July 15**.

### **International Delegate Hosts Needed!**

The deadline for ALL summer inbound programs is March 15th, 2011. Montana 4-H welcomes 35 Japanese delegates this summer from July 22-August 18. We are looking for families with kids ages 10-18 to host a Japanese youth. Families with no children or younger children may host an adult chaperone. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family so planning special activities is not necessary. They also come with health insurance and their own spending money. Program dates and hosting lengths vary so please contact your county office or Stephanie Davis at 406-994-3502, [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) for more information and application materials. You can also find information at the State 4-H website at [ww.montana.4h.org](http://ww.montana.4h.org). Select Programs, International Programs, Hosting Opportunities. This is a great chance to meet someone from another country and to make a lifelong friend.

### **2011 State Leader's Forum**

The 2011 State 4-H Leader Forum will be held in Big Sky, MT at Bucks T-4 Lodge on September 23rd & 24th, 2011. The workshop proposal form will soon be available to leaders, teens, Ambassadors, and others in the community who might be interested in teaching a workshop at the forum. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

### **Big Sky Quilt Retreat**

The Big Sky Quilt Retreat will be held in Billings, March 9th ~ 12th, 2011. One of the fun aspects of the retreat is the quilt show. Within the quilt show, there is a youth category. (Of course, there are other categories if you, the leader or parent, would also like to enter!) The \$5/\$10 entry fee has been waived for youth entrants. To enter, go to: [www.bigskyquiltassociation.com](http://www.bigskyquiltassociation.com) and fill out the Quilt Show Entry Form. Questions? Contact Tanith Daugherty at [tanithjh@hotmail.com](mailto:tanithjh@hotmail.com) or 406-208-7755.



### **2011 MSU Equine Conference**

This year's conference will take place Mar. 5th, 2011 at Bozeman's GranTree Inn & Convention Center. Participants can choose from over 10 breakout sessions. This year they are offering three breakout sessions specifically designed for youth, 4-H and FFA participants, including horse health and care, horse judging, and careers in the equine industry. Cost is \$60 for adults and \$40 for students. To pre-register or for more information please call Julie Hager at (406) 994-7953 or by e-mail at [jhager@montana.edu](mailto:jhager@montana.edu).

### **Montana 4-H Centennial Update**

The 4-H Centennial for Montana is fast approaching in 2012, and there are a variety of projects in motion that will give us the opportunity to tell the 4-H story through 100 years of first-hand experiences. Below are several opportunities for you to get involved.

#### **4-H Centennial Book**

**Purpose:** To record the 100 year history of Montana 4-H at the county and state level.

#### **Goals:**

- To promote 4-H and its' continuing positive influence on youth, families and communities.
- To describe the fundamentals of the 4-H program – the things that have allowed it to be a viable program for 100 years.
- To describe the influence the 4-H program has had on Montana people and their way of life.

#### **Product:**

A "coffee table" book will depict the 100 years of Montana 4-H with lots of pictures and personal stories illustrating program emphasis during the different decades. People should be able to "see themselves" in the experiences outlined in the book. The plan is to write text in a "story" fashion for a 200 page book with an entry representing each county.

#### **Information:**

Counties will send in the top 5 (or more) stories/photos gathered in their counties by April 1, 2011. Submissions from many different decades might include: Individual or club (stories, oral histories, photographs of activities with captions, etc.)

While any story/photo might be submitted, suggested categories include the following:

- ◆ Youth/Adult Partnerships
- ◆ Leadership/Volunteerism
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Projects
- ◆ Fairs
- ◆ Camps
- ◆ Events
- ◆ Competitions/Recognitions
- ◆ Alumni
- ◆ International/Interstate Exchanges
- ◆ Citizenship
- ◆ Clubs and their activities



### County Histories

In addition to this coffee table book, each county will have the opportunity to share their history through a new link on the Montana 4-H web site. This will differ from the information collected for the Centennial book in that it will probably be much shorter and more factual in nature. The web site information and format will be shared in the Spring of 2011 with a request to have all **county information completed by June 1, 2011**. Please keep an eye out for more information in coming months, and think about how you can contribute to sharing the rich heritage of Montana 4-H.

### **State Rec Lab - April 1-3 - Shelby, MT**



If you are were 13 years old as of October 1st, 2010, and you've always wanted to go to a statewide 4-H event, this is a great one to attend! Rec Lab provides an opportunity to meet other

4-H members from across the state, develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that you can share at the club and county level! The theme this year is "4-H - Be Your Own Character," and over thirty different workshops are being offered in five sessions. Registration is due **March 9th**, and the fee is

\$50. Contact the Extension Office for details. Don't miss this opportunity!

### **Judith Basin County 4-H Council Minutes October 6, 2010**

The Policy Review meeting of the Judith Basin County 4-H Council was called to order by President Sara Stevenson on October 6, 2010. Present at the meeting were Traci Mikkelsen, Nancy Metcalfe, Sharon Stevenson, Kim Vincent, Georgia Bingham, and Extension Agent Janna Kincheloe.

Changes to current policy are as follows:

1. **Ambassadors:** Georgia moved that the 4-H Council pay 50% of registration fees for Ambassador Training, up from 20% previously. Second by Sara. Motion passed.

2. **Awards:** Kim moved to strike "An award will be given to the top overall Beginner 1<sup>st</sup> year 4-H member project book." Discussion included the reasoning that since we are no longer judging record books, we should not be giving an award for the book itself. Second by Sharon. Motion passed.

3. **State Congress:** Kim moved to strike the following: "The Judith Basin County 4-H Council will pay \$75 of registration fees for each Congress participant, with \$50 coming from the general fund and \$25 from the trip fund. The trip fund contribution for Congress is capped at \$250," and replace with "The Judith Basin County 4-H Council will pay 50% of registration fees for Montana 4-H Congress delegates." Second by Sharon. Motion passed.

4. **National Congress:** Kim moved to change the 4-H Council contribution to National Congress trips from \$100.00 to \$250.00. Second by Traci. Motion passed.

5. **Fair:** Kim moved to strike the following: "Clubs will rotate for taking down the exhibit building after the fair, starting with Stanford, Geysers, Utica, and Rocking JB's." Second by Nancy. Motion passed.

6. **Fair, Dress Code:** Kim moved that showmanship attire for all livestock classes be a white shirt and black pants, not a light colored shirt and dark pants. Second by Traci. Motion passed.

7. **Tree Planter:** Sara moved to strike the

entire section about the tree planter, which reads as follows: "Tree planter purchased and will be rented out to plant trees. Rental to go to the 4-H Council (10/1960). Tree planter rental minimum of \$10. Five cents for every 100-500 trees, four cents for every 500-1000 trees and three cents for 1000 trees or more." The tree planter is no longer maintained by the Council and is not available for rent. Second by Georgia. Motion passed.

8. **Horse Project Guidelines:** Kim moved to add the following rule: "If a member wins a Grand Champion award in any Western or English horsemanship class, s/he must move on to the next level." Second by Georgia. Motion passed.

Sharon moved to add the following rule: "If a member wants to repeat a project level, they must be approved by the Horse Committee at the time of enrollment." Second by Traci. Motion passed.

With no further changes or additions to current policies, Georgia moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Second by Sharon. Motion passed.

Submitted by Janna Kincheloe, Judith Basin County Extension Agent

## **Judith Basin County 4-H Council Minutes November 10, 2010**

The regular meeting of the JB County 4-H Council meeting was called to order by President Sara Stevenson at 6:11 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2010. Those present at the meeting were Kirstie Fiedler, Kim Vincent, Georgia Bingham, Heather Dye, Sara Stevenson, Traci Mikkelsen, Jessica Sloan, Nancy Metcalfe, and Janna Kincheloe.

Minutes from the August 30 meeting were read by Traci. Kim moved to accept the minutes and Heather seconded it. Motion passed. Georgia read the minutes to the policy review meeting of October 6. Georgia moved to accept the minutes and Traci seconded it. Motion passed.

Nancy presented the treasurer's report. Balance in our checking account is \$4525.70. Balance in the trip savings fund is \$8161.84 with \$1361.00 being deposited from the Foundation auction. Junior leader's savings account has \$1579.59 in it and the passbook savings account has \$1986.86 in it. Our CD which is due today has a balance of \$3845.49 with \$132.26 of that being interest.

The only correspondence we had was a note from Barb Skelton with a donation of \$100 given in memory of Ruth Hardenbrook.

Items present under calendar items were:

Nov. 30 at 7:00 p.m. is the District 3 Conference Call

Dec. 4-5-Shooting Sports Leader's training in Kalispell

Jan. 15-Self-Determined and Teen Leadership Plans Due

Jan. 18-Legislative Breakfast in Helena

Jan. 28-30-Horse & Livestock Leader's Forum in Helena

Feb. 1-People Partner Grant applications due.

Under old business Kim reported that Achievement Day was a success and people seemed to enjoy the new location. A decision was made on the CD that was due today. Georgia moved to just let the CD roll over for another year. Heather seconded the motion. Motion passed. Nancy expressed that it was confusing to keep the exchange club's money in the regular checking account with our money. Kim moved to open a new account for this group and Georgia seconded that motion. Motion passed.

Jessica Sloan expressed a desire to purchase some items for the 4-H food booth to make it more convenient to use. She would like to purchase the following items:

- 2 roasters
- 100 cup coffee pot
- 25-30 cup perculator
- Rectangular thermos
- 2-5 gallon liquid coolers.

She estimated the cost would be no more than \$400. Kim moved to allow Jessica to purchase these items with a limit of \$500. Kirstie seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Under new business Kirstie offered to be the key leader for the ambassador program if kids would be willing to put some effort into the job. After some discussion Kirstie will try to make the next meetings of our clubs to promote this program so we can get it reactivated. Heather moved to appoint a senior ambassador and have the juniors apply now. Kirstie seconded the motion. After more discussion the motion was amended to have both seniors and junior apply in April. Motion passed.

The Legislative breakfast will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18. In the past we have taken 2 seniors and 2 juniors. If we have more interest than that we will discuss taking more. Names need to be in to Janna by Nov. 30.

Interim committee chairs were appointed for now to try to get these committees back and running. The following chairmen were appointed:

Livestock-Kim Vincent  
Horse-Georgia Bingham  
Small Animals-Sara Stevenson  
Speech/demonstrations-Kirstie Fiedler  
Budget/Trip-Nancy Metcalfe  
Record Books/Contract Sheets-Traci Mikkelson & Heather Dye  
Indoor Projects-?

We need to take this list back to our clubs and get parents and members to sign up for the committees.

Beef Weigh Day will be held Dec. 18 at the following locations: Geysers Stockyards, Hobson-Basin Angus and Stanford-Fiedlers at 8:00 a.m.

Winter Livestock judging will be held on December 30 at the Stevenson Angus Sale Barn. In conjunction with that event we will hold a project day focusing on livestock projects. We would like to start the Project Day at 10:00 a.m. and the judging at 12:00 p.m. Kim will be the motivator of this event and Sara will help.

There was some interest of some members to attend the Livestock Leader's Forum in Helena in January. The registration fee is \$90. Heather moved to pay the registration fee for those wanting to go. Kirstie seconded it. Motion passed.

The council made a motion to use the \$100 donation in memory of Ruth Hardenbrook to buy something for the 4-H Foundation auction at next year's fair. It will be auctioned off in memory of Ruth. Kim moved to do this project and Georgia seconded it. Motion passed. Heather will take care of it.

The council voted to pay Loren Drivdahl's hotel fee for the shooting sports training. The Triangle Communications money was tabled until next meeting. Council meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Metcalfe

## **Demonstration Day Contest Descriptions**

These descriptions are designed to give you a brief overview of the purpose, content and scoring of the presentations that may be given at county Speech and Demonstration Day.

### **Public Speaking**

Contestants in the 4-H Speech Contest are demonstrating their ability to portray confidence and effectiveness in prepared and impromptu speaking. Communication is by spoken word and gestures only. No props or posters are to be used.

The standard design for a speech should be followed: Introduction, Body, and Summary. The delivery of the speech is also important, composing 50% of the score. Qualities of the speech delivery are also found on the score sheet for voice, language, poise, stage presence, and overall effect of the delivery.

Note cards are only used to deliver the speech more effectively. The entire speech should not be written, only main ideas and key words. Cards can be held or put on a stand.

Time limits in the Speech category are:

Beginners (8-10 years old) .....3-5 minutes

Juniors (11-13 years old) .....5-7 minutes

Seniors (14 & over) .....5-7 minutes; plus 2-3 minutes impromptu

Judges will deduct points for being over or under time. Senior speakers will be required to deliver an impromptu speech in addition to their prepared speech. They will receive the impromptu topic from the judges following their prepared speech. The speaker will have 3 minutes to review the topic. The impromptu speech is to be 2-3 minutes in length. Time penalty will apply.

### **Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks**

Presenters of 4-H demonstrations and illustrated talks put words into action. A demonstration should show how to complete a task—a hands-on, step-by-step presentation which prepares the audience to complete a task. Two people can present a team demonstration, but each should share equally in both the verbal and visual parts. An illustrated talk conveys information with the use of visual items and illustrations.

The presentation should be composed of three parts - Introduction, Body, and Summary. After an introduction, the body should demonstrate and explain in logical order. Presenters should explain what, how and why.

Every demonstration and illustrated talk should have at least a title poster. This should be displayed at the beginning and end of the presentation. Other charts and posters used should be helpful and clarifying, not distracting. They should be heavy enough to not bend or fall during the presentation. If presenters use a number of posters, there should be a smooth transition between posters.

There are no time penalties for demonstrations or illustrated talks, but guidelines are as follows:  
Beginners (8-10 years old) ..... 3-5 minutes  
Juniors (11-13 years old) .....5-7 minutes  
Seniors (14 & over) .....7-20 minutes

### **Commercials and Broadcasts**

Only Beginner 4-H members (ages 8-10) may compete in the Commercial or Broadcast categories. Younger 4-H members often present commercials and broadcasts to become accustomed to public speaking. These presentations also help members learn to connect with an audience, organize their thoughts, learn about current topics, and gain confidence being in front of an audience.

The three elements of composition apply to these categories (Introduction, Body, and Summary). Commercials may be short, but they should be convincing. The presenter is usually only promoting one item or idea. Any props or objects used should enhance the commercial. Broadcasts may be written and read from a script. Presenters have been given the guideline of preparing a newscast that includes 4 to 5 news items of about 30 seconds each.

### **Gavel Games**

Through Gavel Games, Montana 4-H members will present previously gained knowledge of parliamentary procedure by acting as officers for a model 4-H business meeting. A team of four (4) 4-H members act as officers for a model 4-H business

meeting. These four team members are not told which of the four officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer) they will serve as until they enter the contest room. Consequently, it is important to practice for all four offices. There is no specific dress code required for contestants involved in the contest. Each team of four (4) active members presents a model business meeting starting with the call to order, including reports of officers and committees, unfinished and new business, and ending with adjournment.

### **Cloverbud “Show & Tell”**

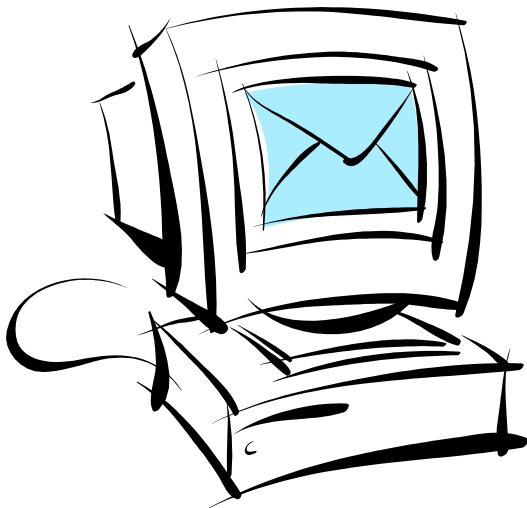
Cloverbud members (ages 6-8) may participate in a “Show & Tell” category at Demonstration Day. Cloverbuds will have 5 minutes to discuss an activity or project they have completed and show what they have learned. Members will receive a participation ribbon. This event will not be judged.

*Please remember....Regardless of what category 4-H members enter, they should be well groomed and dressed to make a favorable impression. Those giving demonstrations are encouraged to dress appropriately for their demonstration. For example, a 4-Her demonstrating how to service a lawnmower should wear coveralls, or an apron when giving a cooking demonstration. Members giving talks, broadcasts or commercials should be neatly dressed.*

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