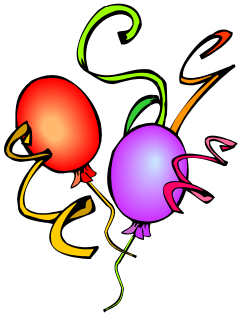




CONGRATULATIONS 4-H CLASS OF 2011!



Stanford: John Lillegard, Hannah Mikeson, Tyler Polzin
Hobson: Kaleb Bingham, Katie Vincent
Geysler: Katie McDonald

Thank you for your involvement in 4-H and your dedication to the program. You have all contributed in a variety of ways, and you will be missed. All the best in your futures!

County Demonstration Day Results

Demonstration Day was held Friday, March 18th at the Hobson School. Following is a list of members and their topics:

Juniors:

Hayden Hammontree - Demonstration - "Back on Top - A Simple Defense"
Kenneth Vincent - Demonstration - "How to Make Lasagna"
Stephen Vincent - Demonstration - "How to Make Deviled Eggs"
Allison Wertheimer - Commercial - "Kaboom Kaboom"
Kristen Vincent - Commercial - "Blow and Go"
Morgan Wertheimer - Demonstration - "Grooming 101"
Claire Stevenson - Illustrated Talk - "Floating Cattle"
Chloe Derks - Commercial - "Super Stuffies"
Trinity Metcalfe - Demonstration - "Measuring Up"
Zachary Thomas - Commercial - "Stink Off"
Alyssa Thomas - Illustrated Talk - "Safe and Hound"

Commercials: 1st Place - Chloe Derks; 2nd Place - Kristen Vincent
Demonstrations/III. Talks: 1st Place - Morgan Wertheimer;
2nd Place - Hayden Hammontree

Intermediates:

CJ Stevenson - Demonstration - "The Big Bang"
Jordan Stevenson - Demonstration - "Can You Hear the Music?"

1st Place - CJ Stevenson
2nd Place - Jordan Stevenson

Dates & Deadlines

May 1—Fashion Revue, 1:00 p.m., New Horizons Assisted Living Facility, Lewistown

May 11—Camp Rotary Registration due

May 11—4-H Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

May 13—Sheep weigh day.

June 1—Spring Livestock Judging in Geysler.

June 1—Drop /add project deadline

June 7—10 Camp Rotary

July 12—15 Congress

Aug 10-13 Fair

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Seniors:

Brooke Vincent - Demonstration - "A+ Bars"
Bailey Wertheimer, Franchesca Royer-Obert - Team
Demonstration - "Can We Drive Yet?"

1st Place - Brooke Vincent

**2nd Place - Bailey Wertheimer & Franchesca
Royer-Obert**

1st and 2nd place winners received gift certificates to the 4-H Mall. A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated. There were some very high-quality presentations, and we appreciate you making the effort to prepare. We would also like to thank our volunteer judges for their time: Marilyn Deichmann, Dave Phillips, Julie Deegan, and Chris Volf.

District and Local 4-H News

4-H Ambassadors Selected

We are pleased to announce that we now have two 4-H Ambassadors in the county. Kensey Mikkelsen from the Rocking JB's will serve as our Senior Ambassador, and Adam Metcalfe from the Stanford Scramblers will serve as our Junior Ambassador beginning in July. The main roles of the Ambassadors is to promote 4-H with potential members, parents, and the general public, recruit new members, and assist with local, county, district, and state 4-H events. Their Key Leader will be Kirstie Fiedler. Congratulations to Kensey and Adam!

Time for 4-H Camp!



Join us for an Olympic Challenge at this year's 4-H camp which will be held June 7 - 10 near Monarch, MT. Only 4-H members who are under 13 years of age on June 1 are eligible to attend camp as campers. (*Members enrolled as Cloverbuds are not eligible for this camp.*) We have planned lots of fun, interactive outdoor activities to see who's bringing home the GOLD! We are also looking for Teen Leaders for camp. You must be 15 years old as of June 1st, 2011 to be eligible. There will be a mandatory training session for Teen Leaders on June

6th and 7th, just prior to camp. Registration forms for both campers (due May 11th) and Teen Leaders (due May 6th) are included in this newsletter.

Calling 4-H Artists!!

You have two different opportunities to show off your talent!



1. Submit your painting, drawing or coloring for the 4-H Centennial Quilt Square Contest. The theme for the Centennial is "Past, Present, Possibilities." This entry just needs to be on plain paper, 7"x7". Entries are due to the Extension Office by May 25th. One entry will be selected to represent each county, and the artwork will be scanned and printed on fabric and then sewn into the 4-H Centennial Quilt. The finished quilt will travel to state wide 4-H events in the 2011-2012 4-H Year and then be permanently displayed in the Montana State 4-H Center. PLEASE think about submitting an entry as it is important for our county to be represented. Entry forms are available at the office.
2. Design the Official 2011 State 4-H Horse Show Book Cover. Entries must be received in the Prairie County Extension Office postmarked no later than May 13th. Entries should include artwork and theme (not artwork alone). Please include the 4-H clover and the year 2011 in your design. Contestants must be 4-H members in the State of Montana, and all entries must have a parent/guardian signature. The winner will be notified by phone after May 31st. The winning design will also be used on t-shirts and sweatshirts. No limit on entries per person. Contact the office for entry forms!

Project Drop/Add Deadline

The drop/add deadline is June 1st. If you want to add or drop a project you need to contact the Extension Office by this date. After that date, unfinished projects will be considered "incomplete".

Spring Livestock Judging

The spring livestock judging will be at the Geyser Stockyards on June 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is your second out of three judging opportunities for the

year. Keep in mind that you can qualify for a free trip to the NILE Livestock Judging in Billings if you attend at least two contests during the year. So what if you've never tried judging before?? We will teach you the basics at the event. Livestock judging is an excellent way to improve your decision-making and communication skills, plus there are lots of opportunities to travel and earn college scholarships! We will look forward to seeing you in Geysers on the 1st. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

Feeding/Fitting/Showmanship Clinic



Western Ranch Supply and Sunglo Feeds are sponsoring a clinic on Saturday, May 14th in Billings and Sunday, May 15th in Great Falls at the Western Ranch Supply stores. Topics include nutrition, grooming, fitting, and showmanship for all

species. Registration will be held from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m., with workshops beginning at 9:00 a.m. This workshop is free and you do not need to bring livestock. There will be door prizes, giveaways, and discounts on feed. Please contact the Extension Office for more information.

State 4-H News

Montana 4-H Congress

Montana 4-H Congress will be held July 12-15 at Montana State University in Bozeman. Congress is a great opportunity for 4-H youth to experience a variety of workshops, entertainment, and competitive events including demonstrations, illustrated talks, public speaking, livestock judging, horse judging, stir-ups, gavel games, horse skill-a-thon, fashion revue, and quilting. In order to attend Congress, 4-H members must be at least 14 years of age as of October 1, 2010, and must have received a red or a blue ribbon at Demonstration Day. The registration fee is \$212, and the Judith Basin 4-H Council will pay 50% of this fee. More information is available on the Montana 4-H website at www.montana4h.org.

Advanced Market Beef Tour

4-H members have the opportunity to take an inside look at the beef industry by participating in the Advanced Youth Market Beef Tour, June 2-3, in the Great Falls area. This tour is targeted toward members taking the market beef project as a way for them to investigate the beef industry beyond the market sale at their local county fair. Tour stops include Cenex Harvest States, Broken O Ranch, and Northern Montana Feeders.

The tour is open to 4-H members across the state of Montana. It is recommended that tour participants be 12 years or older to participate. Registration for the tour is due **May 10th** to the Judith Basin County Extension Office. The registration fee is \$20.

MontanaFair Tagging Dates

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market sheep or a market swine in the MontanaFair **must** have their animal tagged on:

Saturday, June 4

Where: PAYS Livestock Yards - 18 & Minnesota Avenue

When: 8:00 ~ 11:00 a.m. Weigh In

If you have any questions, please call the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 256-2828. (ev/11/20/98)

Rural Community Development Grant

The purpose of this grant program is to assist funding community development projects conducted by rural youth organizations such as 4-H, by encouraging rural youth to conduct projects that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana communities, and to improve interactions between the rural and urban portions of these communities. Grant requirements and an application are available at the Extension Office. Postmark deadline is May 15, 2011.

Jackpot Shows/Clinics/Invitationals

May 1 - Missouri River Royal, Chouteau County Fairgrounds in Fort Benton (beef only). Contact Laurie McCullough at (406) 737-4452 or Christine Riffel at (406) 734-5440 for more information.

May 19-22 - Doug Fox Horse Clinic. This is a western clinic. Sessions are from 5-9 pm on Thursday and Friday, from 8-5 on Saturday and 8-3 on Sunday. It is open to youth and adults, 4-H or people

not involved with 4-H. At \$81 for the whole clinic, this is a great deal. The clinic will be held at JS Arena, west of Vaughn – turn south at mile marker #2, head for the large white barn. Registrations are due on May 6th and ASTM/SEI approved equestrian helmets are required for ALL riders, no exceptions. If anyone has questions, please feel free to call the Cascade County Extension Office at 454-6980.

June 4 - Marias & Teton Feeder Show, Choteau (beef, sheep, swine). Contact the Toole County Extension Office at (406) 424-8350 or by e-mail at: olmstead@montana.edu for more information.

June 5 - Townsend Valley Jackpot Show, Broadwater County Fairgrounds in Townsend (beef, sheep, swine). Contact the Broadwater County Extension Office at (406) 266-9240 or Marlo Leachman at 266-3116 for more information.

June 11 - Helena Jackpot Show, Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds (beef, sheep, swine). Contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at (406) 447-8346 or Jeff Patten at (406) 449-6947 for more information.

June 12 - Huntley Eagles Jackpot Show, Big Horn County Fairgrounds in Hardin (beef, sheep, swine).

June 11&12 - Gillette Jackpot Show ~ Gillette, WY For entry forms call Vicky Black @ 307-689-4441

June 16-18 - Junior Beef Expo, Lewistown. For entry forms call Mardi Linhart at 406-366-4667 or email: mmcattleservice@yahoo.com

June 18 - Northwest College Jackpot, Powell, WY

June 25 - Dillon Feeder Show, Dillon, MT. For information call Shelli Schuett @ 406-683-2406 or email shooit@zipmt.com

June 26 - 6th Annual Yellowstone Classic, Billings. For more information call Paul Bromenshenk at 656-7173.

Make it with Wool Contest

It's not too soon to start thinking about an entry for the "Make it With Wool" contest. District competition is November 12 in Great Falls. The winners of district competition are then eligible to compete in the state competition December 2nd & 3rd in Billings. Age groups start with a 12 and under right up to adults and there is also a "made for others" category. Stop in the office to get registration forms and rules about the contest.

2011 Montana Make it with Wool Quilt/Afghan Contest

Prefer quilting, crochet or knitting to sewing apparel items? Show off your creativity at this contest held in conjunction with the MT Woolgrowers Convention. More information and registration materials available in the Extension Office.

Montana Range Days

The 35th annual Montana Range Days will be held in Deer Lodge, MT located in Powell County, June 13-15, 2011. Range Days is designed to include the entire family from youngsters at least 4 years of age up to and including adult competitions. There will be both individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas. An early registration deadline of June 1st, 2011 has been set and will save money for both individuals and families. For more information please contact the Extension Office or log onto the Range Days website at: www.montanarangedays.org. Scroll down and click on the first "Montana Range Days" button to obtain registration forms and information.

Montana Youth Range Camp

The 2011 Montana Youth Range Camp will be held June 27-July 1, 2011 at 7V Ranch in Brussett, MT. Campers age 12-18 will learn about plant ID/anatomy, soil/geology, grazing management, water/riparian and range monitoring. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due June 17th. Only 25 spots available so register early. For more information, contact the Extension Office or the Montana Youth Range Camp website at: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/>, or call Heidi Crum @ 406-444-6619.

Judith Basin County 4-H Council Minutes

The regular meeting of the JB County 4-H Council was called to order by Vice Chair Kim Vincent at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2011. Those present at the meeting were Nancy Metcalfe, Kim Vincent, Janna Kincheloe, Teresa Wilhelms, Kirstie Fiedler, Natalie Sloan, Stephen Vincent, Kenneth Vincent, Kathy Hill, and Rose Schindler.

Minutes from the November meeting were read. Kirstie motioned to approve read minutes with the correction of Barb's last name being Skelton not Hardenbrook, Nancy seconded, motion carried.

Nancy presented the Treasurer's report. Clarification was made that the exchange account transfer from checking to its own checking account. Nancy also said two more deposits were made from the fair receipts. Teresa motioned to approve the treasure report with all accounts balanced and current, Kirstie 2nd, motion carried.

Correspondence & Announcements presented are Calendar Items: Feb 1-People Partner Apps postmarked, CWF apps postmarked, Susan Kay Dufner Scholarship Application Due. Feb 5-Montana Fair Beef Tagging, PAYS Billings, 9-noon Feb 20-Quality Assurance training, 1-3p.m. Stanford City Hall March 25-27-Senior Camp April 1-Montana 4H Scholarship Apps postmarked April 1 p.m.-3 p.m. -4-H Rec Lab Shelby April 15th-4-H Ambassador applications due. Teen Leader and Self Determined Projects Plans are due. Kirstie reported that Amy has some plans.

Old Business

Beef Weigh Day: Kim reported that Hobson had 33 steers and was complete in about an hour, went great. Kirstie reported that Stanford and Geyser went good also.

4-H Legislative Breakfast: Natalie Sloan, Kenneth Vincent and Stephen Vincent spoke of their trip to Helena for the legislative meeting. Wendy Vincent and Rose Schindler chaperoned this trip. The kids all enjoyed their experience, meeting legislators, touring the Capital building, and visiting the museum. They thanked the Council for providing room and board. The Council thanked the chaperones for their time to drive and watch over the 4-Hers.

Winter Livestock Judging/Project Day- The scheduled event didn't happen due to extreme cold. A new date was set for March 19th at the old Stevenson Sale Barn with the workshop beginning at 10:00 a.m.

District 3 Conference Call: Janna reported that there was not a huge turnout on the conference call but a lot of information. There have been monies received for the state of Montana from an endowment. They need some ideas from the district of how to spend the funds. The amount of funds is \$500.00. 2012 Rec Lab will be sponsored by our district. The scheduled Rec Lab will be held in Great Falls and will need at least 2-3 people from our county to be on the committee. It was suggested to have a couple senior 4-Hers along with a leader. This will be a great way for new

ambassadors to get involved. Mini-Congress was discussed. It was cancelled last year due to lack of interest. Some questions as to time, attending ages or length of session is the reason.

Ambassadors: Kirstie is scheduling to meet in Geyser and Hobson. Due date is April 15th.

New Business

Demonstration Day: The date was set to be March 18th, 2011 starting at 2:30 p.m. for check-in and demo's starting at 2:45 p.m. Every club is to bring 2-3 dozen cookies. Kirstie recommended asking some seniors to be a judge for the beginners. It would be great learning experience and the beginners may be a little more relaxed. Leaders need to let Janna know if they have someone of interest.

4-H Centennial Book: Janna was sorry for the short notice but just received this information herself. They are trying to come up with a coffee table style book with lots of pictures and stories. Each county will have a story. Janna is asked to take the top 5 stories and photos and submit them by February 15th. Some people that were suggested to ask for help is Jan French, Dorothy Evans, Vicki Johnson, Betty Sampsel, Penny Linhart and Dave Roen. Janna will email asking if they would be interested. Any other suggestions are welcome. We are also asked to make a 3'x4' display for the legislative session that shows our 4-H history in our county. Kirstie suggested that we involve the kids from each club to work on this, maybe 2 meetings at most. They would bring pictures and write ups to the meetings.

2012 Rec Lab District Planning Committee: Janna will be sending out notices asking for volunteers to be on the committee.

Change for Challenge: Each county is being asked to take up a collection for 4-H foundation. There is an opportunity to match all funds collected and a good way to double your donation. The clubs will be asked to make a collection box and place in a high traffic/secure area (i.e. grocery stores).

Next meeting will be March 16th, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned 8:00 p.m. Submitted by Teresa Wilhelms, Secretary.

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