



## Dates & Deadlines

### Demonstration Day!

County Demonstration Day for all Judith Basin County 4-H members will be held Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Hobson School beginning at 2:30 p.m. There are several options for 4-H'ers participation in Demonstration Day. Categories include demonstrations, illustrated talk, speech, broadcast, or commercial. There is also a team event called Gavel Games, where members utilize parliamentary procedure skills in a mock 4-H club meeting.

Again this year, a Finals Round will be held in which the top three presenters from each division will give their presentations a second time. The final round will be held after the final demonstrations are given. An awards ceremony will follow the finals round. Food will be available throughout the event.

Demonstration Day is open to the public, and everyone is encouraged to attend. Event guidelines and a registration form can be found in this newsletter. Please remember that requests for a specific time will be made on a first come, first served basis. Registrations are due by **March 5, 2009** to the Extension Office.

### Fashion Revue

This year, Fashion Revue will be held on Sunday, May 2 at the New Horizon Assisted Living in conjunction with Fergus county. Participants will gather about 12:30 p.m., with judging at 1:00 and the style show at 3:00 p.m. Registrations need to be turned into the Fergus County Extension Office by Friday, April 24, 2009. For further information and registration forms please contact the Extension Office.

### Fair Book Ad Sales

Fair Book Ad Sale Sheets and payment are due back to the Extension Office no later than **Thursday, May 1**. Please remember that this is one of our major fundraisers for the year, so we need everyone to get out there and sell!

### We Want YOU to be a 4-H Ambassador!

Applications are now being accepted for a new Junior Ambassador to serve a 2 year term. Ambassadors are enthusiastic 4-H members, 14 years of age or older as of October 1, 2009, that will represent our county 4-H program and promote 4-H at the community, county, and state level. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by **April 15th**.



March 5-Demonstration Day Registration Due to Extension Office

March 5-7 State Shooting Sports Competition in Bozeman, MT

March 5-7 Senior Camp Monarch, MT

March 19-Demo Day Hobson School

April 3 - Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale Stanford

April 15 - County Ambassador Applications due

April 16-18 Rec Lab Corvallis

April 24-Fashion Revue Registration Due

May 1-Fair Book Ads Due

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## District and Local 4-H News

### Fair Book Cover Needed!

The Judith Basin County Fair Board would like to invite all 4-H members to submit artwork or photography entries to be used for the cover of the 2010 Judith Basin County Fair premium book. Guidelines are as follows:

1. Contest is open to all Judith Basin County 4-H members.
2. Computer-generated graphics, original artwork, or photography may be used. All work must be done by 4-H members.
3. Entries must be submitted on paper that is 5 ½ inches wide and 8 ½ inches tall.
4. Leave a ¼ inch border on all sides.
5. The Fair Book cover is printed in black and white. Entries submitted should be in black and white.
6. The following information needs to be incorporated into your design:  
Judith Basin County Fair  
August 11-14, 2010  
Stanford, MT
7. Attach a card to the back of the design and print your name, complete address, and age.
8. All entries must be mailed or dropped off at the Judith Basin County Extension Office by **April 1, 2010**.

Entries will be voted on by a panel of judges. The winning entry will be featured on the cover of the Fair Book. Entries that are not chosen may be used in future years.

Don't miss this chance for your picture or photograph to be featured on the cover of the Fair Book! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Janna at the Extension Office.

### Project Drop/Add Deadline

The drop/add deadline is June 1st. If you want to add or drop a project you need to do so by this date.



### Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Sale

The Stanford Scramblers will be holding an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 3 at 10:00 am at the Judith Basin County Fair Grounds. They will also be holding their annual bake sale at K's IGA from 9:00 am until everything is gone. Please come out and enjoy the day!

### Swine Weighing and Tagging

Swine weigh day will be held on April 17th in the following locations:

Stanford-Tom Hills - 9:00 am  
Geyser- Geyser Stock Yards- 9:00 am  
Hobson- Basin Angus-Old Feedlot-9:00 am



According to a recently revised county 4-H policy, all 4-H members enrolled in the swine project **MUST** have their pigs tagged and weighed at one of the designated locations. Weights from individual members will no longer be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you plan to take pigs to the Central Montana Fair, we will need pictures of the hogs with their tags in their ears.

### Changes to 2010 Fair Schedule!

The Judith Basin County Fair Board has proposed several changes to the Fair schedule for this year. Below is a copy of the suggested schedule. Prior year's scheduled events are crossed out and the proposed schedule changes are highlighted. The major changes include moving the livestock weigh-in to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday (instead of 5:00 p.m.), holding the livestock judging at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday (instead of 3:30 p.m. on Friday), moving the Horse Show to Friday at 1:00 p.m. (instead of Thursday at 8:30 a.m.), and moving the Beef Breeding and Dairy Show to Saturday following the Market Beef Show (instead of Friday at 1:30 p.m.). The Fair Board is requesting input regarding these potential changes. Please look the schedule over and contact the Extension Office with any potential conflicts, issues, or questions. All comments must be received by **April 1, 2010**.

## Proposed Schedule of Fair Events

### Monday, August 9

**6:00 p.m.** – Exhibit Building/Livestock Set-up

### Tuesday, August 10

**8:00 a.m.** - Grade School exhibits placed and judged

~~**12:30-2:00 p.m.** – FFA/FCCLA, Open Class, Fine Art entries arrive~~

~~**2:30 p.m.** – Open Class Judging~~

### Wednesday, August 11

~~**9:00 a.m.** – 4-H Interview Judging (General and Livestock) at the Exhibit building~~

~~**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** – Cloverbud entries accepted~~

**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** – FFA/FCCLA, Open Class, Fine Art entries arrive

**11:00 a.m.** – Open Class Judging

**1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** - 4-H Interview Judging (General and Livestock) at the Exhibit building, Cloverbud entries accepted

### Thursday, August 12

~~**8:30 am** – 4-H Horse Show~~

~~**5:00 – 7:30 p.m.** – Arrival and weigh-in of Market Stock (swine 5-6 p.m., beef 6-7 p.m., sheep 7-7:30 p.m.)~~

**2:00 – 4:30 p.m.** – Arrival and weigh-in of Market Stock (swine 2-3 p.m., beef 3-4 p.m., sheep 4-4:30 p.m.)

**5:30 p.m.** - Livestock Judging

### Friday, August 13

**8:00 a.m.** – Swine Show (Showmanship, Market, Breeding)

**8:30 a.m.** – Exhibit Building opens

**8:30 a.m.** – Arrival of Small Animals

**9:00 a.m.** – Small Animal Project Interview Judging

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** – Showmanship and judging of 4-H dogs, poultry, cats, and rabbits (show in that order)

**11:00 p.m.** – Sheep and Goat Show (Showmanship, Market, Breeding)

~~**1:00 – 1:30** – Open Pet Show~~

~~**1:30 p.m.** – Beef Breeding and Dairy Show~~

~~**3:30 p.m.** – Livestock Judging~~

**12:30 p.m.** – Open Pet Show

**1:00 p.m.** – 4-H Horse Show

**5:30 p.m.** – Friday Night Dinner

**7:00 p.m.** – Open Team Sorting Competition (tentative)

### Saturday, August 13

**7:00 a.m.** - 4-H Council Breakfast

**8:00 a.m.** - Exhibit Building Open

**8:00 a.m.** – Beef Show (Showmanship, Market, Breeding, Dairy)

~~**12:00 p.m.** – Parade on Main Street~~

**1:00 - 2:00** - Round Robin Contest

**2:30 p.m.** – 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale

## 4-H Camp

It's time to start gearing up for 4-H Camp! This year's camp runs from **June 8 - 11** at Camp Rotary, 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 are also looking for teen leaders for camp. If you will be 15 years old by June 1, 2009 and are a 4-H member in good standing, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss! Registration forms for campers are included in this newsletter. Teen leader registration forms are available at the Extension Office.



## Feed and Nutrition Class

### Fitting Clinic/Jackpot Show

Western Ranch Supply in Great Falls is offering a class on feed and nutrition at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 27 at the store at 4000 River Drive North.

On Sunday, May 23, Western Ranch Supply is holding a fitting clinic and mini-show at their store. 4-H members can bring their animals and get tips on what to do, how to show, how to select an animal and there will be a jackpot showmanship show.

These events are open to all 4-H and FFA youth who want to attend. If anyone has questions, they can call the Great Falls store at 761-2160.

### JB County Steer/Heifer Jackpot Show

There will be a steer/heifer jackpot show at the Judith Basin County Fairgrounds in Stanford on Saturday, May 29th. Hip heights will be taken beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the show will begin at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 per animal and \$5 for showmanship. Registration materials will be available soon.

We are also tentatively scheduling an animal handling and showmanship/fitting clinic for Sunday, May 9th at the Fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m. This will be a great opportunity for younger members to haul their animals and work on showmanship and animal handling. Please plan to attend. More information coming soon!!

## State 4-H News

### **State 4-H Horse Show Logo Design Contest**

4-H members can show off their creative and artistic skills by entering a logo design contest. The 2010 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year's show. Entries are due May 7, and the winner's artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule books, t-shirts and promotional material for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office or on the Horse Show web page: <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/Statehorshow/index.htm>.

### **State 4-H Rec Lab 2010:**

Spark your Imagination and register today to attend the 2010 Montana 4-H Rec Lab. It will be held in Corvallis Montana, April 16-18.

Mark Heyka, KECI TV First Alert Meteorologist and 11 year 4-H Alumni will kick off Rec Lab on Saturday, April 17, 2010. Over thirty different workshops are being offered over the course of five sessions ranging from archery and photography to the culinary arts and a scavenger hunt!

Rec Lab provides youth an opportunity to meet other youth from across the state, develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events and at other unexpected moments. This event is for youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2009. The registration fee is \$50.00. Lodging, workshop fees, meals, and a t-shirt are included in the registration fee. Be sure to mark your workshops, as they are determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. All participants will receive a 2010 Rec Lab t-shirt, so be sure to mark your size when you register. For Event details and the registration form will be available online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Go to "Events" then ".Montana 4-H Rec Lab."

### **Montana State Shooting Sports Competition**

The 2010 15th Annual State Shooting Sports

Competition will be held at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on March 5-7, 2010. All participants must be 9-19 years old as of October 1, 2009 and registered members of Montana 4-H programs. Awards will be given to the top shooter in each event as well as to the top three shooters in each event by age group entered. Entry forms must be completed and received by February 22, 2010 to guarantee a time and shooting position. If you would like the registration form or further information please contact the Extension Office at (406) 566-2277 ext. 105.

### **Host families needed!**

Montana 4-H welcomes 35 Japanese delegates this summer from July 21-August 19. 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. To apply, contact your County Extension office, Beth Foster at (406) 461-3014 ([gbfosterinmt@msn.com](mailto:gbfosterinmt@msn.com)) or Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502 ([sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu)).

### **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, Operation Military Kids Project Director @ 406-994-6241 or [ddettle@montana.edu](mailto:ddettle@montana.edu).

### **2010 Youth Trapper Camp**

Are you taking the wildlife project or just like animals? Visit [www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc/htm](http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc/htm) for information about the 2010 Youth Trapper Camp. The camp is scheduled in June and is held at

Beaver Creek Park south of Havre.

Topics include:

- ◆ Ethical trapping methods
- ◆ Trapping rules and regulations
- ◆ Trap setting and fur handling



Camp is limited; some scholarships are available. Applications are accepted on a first come, first accepted basis.

### **U.S. Targhee Sheep Assoc. Starter Flock**

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is offering for the second year a free registered Targhee Starter flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the USTSA National Show & Sale in Arlington, Wisconsin – July 15-17th. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2010 sale.

Applications, due **April 1st**, are now available to download at [www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org) or by contacting Tracie Roeder at the USTSA office (406-467-2462). Any young person, ages 9-17, as of January 1, 2010, may apply. Applicants should possess a keen interest in the U.S. sheep industry, commitment to raising Targhee sheep over time, and a firm belief in the abilities of the breed. Applicants must demonstrate proof of care, facilities, and transportation. Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who will act as a mentor.

### **New 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline April 1st!**

See the updated web pages regarding these and other scholarships and the **NEW** single application for most scholarships at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Some significant changes include:

- ◆ (5) Murdochs scholarships for \$1,000 will be awarded - statewide recipients, attending college of choice

- ◆ **NEW SCHOLARSHIP** for 4-H shooting sports youth!

### **State Awards Deadline May 1st**

The State Award applications deadline is May 1st for members who are 14 years of age or older by October 1, 2009. To apply for state awards in any project or activity area, complete the State Awards application obtained at the Extension office or online at [Montana4h.org](http://Montana4h.org). Winners are announced at 4-H Congress and are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress.

### **Rural Community Development Grants**

These grants assist in funding community development projects conducted by rural youth organizations like 4-H. They encourage youth to conduct projects that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana. Applications are due March 15, and are available online at <http://www.agr.mt.gov/business/rcdgrants.asp>

### **Shooting Sports Leader Training**

The next statewide training for the 4-H shooting sports program leaders is scheduled for April 30-May 1 in Malta, MT. The Friday night classroom session will be from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. with specific discipline training on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$50.00 and includes all materials as well as lunch on Saturday. Lodging is on your own.

All disciplines will be offered: rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, archery, cowboy action, hunting and coordinator, provided there is sufficient interest. Participants may take only one discipline per training.

Attendees must complete the Shooting Sports Pre-Test. Registration forms and the pre-test are available on the 4-H website or in the extension office. Enrollment deadline is April 21st.

We are still in need of a certified shooting sports leader for Judith Basin County. If you are interested in being a leader, please contact the Extension Office.



## More on Demo. Day... Demonstration & Public Speaking

### Prepared Speech

You may choose any topic for this speech. Time limits are listed below. Note cards may be used but you should not read from them. No props or visual aids are allowed in the prepared speech category.

**Beginners: 3-5 minutes**

**Intermediates: 5-7 minutes**

**Seniors: 5-7 minutes; plus 2 - 3 minutes impromptu**

### Illustrated Talk

A communication which conveys information with the use of visual items and illustrations. Charts and posters are used to enhance oral presentations. To be effective, an oral presentation must be concise and flow smoothly. Illustrated Talks are not timed and there are no point deductions assessed for being under- or overtime. However, it will be helpful to follow these guidelines. Keep in mind that your Illustrated Talk at State Congress must be at least 7 minutes long.

**Beginners: 3-5 minutes, Intermediates: 5-7 minutes**

**Seniors: 7-20 minutes**

### Demonstration

A presentation that shows how to complete a task, a hands-on, step-by-step presentation which prepares the audience to complete a task. This is a how-to presentation. *Team Demonstration:* Two persons work together to deliver the presentation. Each person must share equally in the verbal and visual parts of the presentation.

**Only beginners and intermediates may give team demonstrations.** *Time guidelines are the same as for Illustrated Talk.*

### Commercials

They're short, they're fun and they are convincing! They encourage you to buy things or to become involved. Here's your chance to create one.

◆ Choose a product or idea you would like to sell.

◆ Cover or conceal any brand names and create your own brand name.

◆ Prepare a convincing presentation that would make your audience want to buy this product.

Remember, commercials are quite short. Be certain your commercial includes the three parts of an

effective communication: an introduction that catches attention, a body that gives documentation of reasons the audience should buy the product or idea, and a summary that leaves an impression of the most important idea you want the audience to remember.

### Broadcast

You can be the voice behind some of those exciting stories you hear on the radio. Your radio broadcast may be written and you may read from your script. You will be in your broadcasting booth speaking over a microphone. The success of your story will depend on the words you choose, organization of your information, use of your voice, and rate of delivery.

You need to prepare a newscast which would include 4 to 5 news items of about 30 seconds each.

For more information about Demonstration Day, please contact your club leader or the Extension Office. We look forward to seeing you on March 19th!

### Attention 4-H parents, members, and leaders:

Montana State University Extension is in the process of developing a strategic plan to help guide us in the next 3-5 years. This plan will be used to help us better address the educational needs of Montana citizens. We need information on specific programs as well as how we can best deliver the information you need.

To help us in this endeavor we are asking you to provide information. Please fill out the questionnaire which can be found on the web at <http://www.msuextension.org/stratplan/4HMembers.html>

Thank you for your assistance. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.

## Judith Basin County 4-H Council Minutes November 11, 2009

The November meeting of the Judith Basin 4-H Council was called to order by Janna Kincheloe on November 11 at 6:30. Members present were Sara Stevenson, Traci Mikkelsen, Georgia Bingham and Kim Vincent. The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved. A correction to the minutes was that Vice President Jackie Urick ran the meeting. The treasurer's report was given. The current check book balance is \$3700.94. The trip fund balance is \$6801.84, Junior Leaders savings \$1561.92, passbook savings \$1988.19 and CD #9488 has a balance of \$3713.23. The CD is up for renewal. Sara made a motion to renew it and Traci seconded it.

### Calendar items:

Nov 18<sup>th</sup>- New 4-H Family Orientation- 6:30p.m. at the Courthouse  
Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>-Final deadline for 2009-2010 enrollments  
Dec. 4&5<sup>th</sup>-Shooting Sports Leader training, Kalispell  
Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> -Self Determined and Teen Leadership Action Plans Due

### Old Business:

Achievement day- There have been a lot of great and positive comments about the awards ceremony that the Rocking JB's put on. It was mentioned that maybe next year we invite the award sponsors to the ceremony.  
4-H Volunteer Screening- the forms are due to the office as soon as possible.  
Committee Chairs- A list was handed out. It was decided that we needed to add a Small Animal Committee. Sara Stevenson volunteered to be the chairperson

### New Business:

Beef weigh day-Fergus County's is Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Sara moved that we have Judith Basin County's weigh day the same day. Hobson will weigh at Basin Angus (New Feedlot) at 9:00 weather permitting.  
Winter Livestock Judging is tentatively set for Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> at the Stevenson Angus Ranch. Sara will get classes lined up. Possibilities for classes Amy Hughes- Sheep, Stevenson Angus -Beef, Jared Long- Pigs, and Vincent's, Prospect feeder calves.

Traci & Kim will be in charge of the lunch we will serve Chili or sloppy Joes, brownies and a drink. Stevenson Angus Ranch will provide the burger.

Project Day- It was discussed to have it possibly with the judging from 1-3:00. We would maybe like to have some kids help out with the workshops.

Leader Training- there will be a Mandatory training on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 dinner included.

Livestock scale- the scale has just been fixed and it cost \$135. Sara made a motion to have a deposit of \$125 put down when someone borrows the scale Traci seconded it. When the scale is picked up, the office will show you how to run it. Your deposit will be returned if the scale is working properly when you bring it back.

Project book presentation- it was asked if we would like to have a presentation by the Extension service on filling out the books and how to properly put them in order in your record book . This would be for next year.

Changes to Fair Schedule- the Fair Board had suggested to change the schedule for the fair. Thursday Livestock would check in from 2-4:30 and then to have the Livestock judging @ 5:30 with the concession stand being open. Friday- have the Horse show at 1:00 and then all beef shows on Saturday. Friday possibly start pigs at 7:00 a.m. and sheep immediately after the swine show is over.

Quality Assurance- First Sunday in Feb. the 7<sup>th</sup>. Demonstration Day is tentatively set for April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Stanford.

Election of Officers- slate of officers- President - Sara Stevenson. Vice President- Kim Vincent, Treasurer- Nancy Metcalfe. We do not currently have anyone for Secretary, need suggestions from other clubs.

The meeting was adjourned. The next Council meeting will be January 6, 2010 at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Vincent

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION INSIDE!!**

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