



Market Steer Weigh-In

It's time to select and begin training your market steer for the 2010 year. Market steer weigh in will be Saturday, January 9, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the stockyards west of Ronan. Your steer needs to be halter broke for safety reasons—both for you, other 4-Hers and volunteers.

Quality Assurance Training

All 4-H & FFA members taking a market animal project must complete one of three livestock Quality Assurance trainings for 2010 certification. **First Quality Assurance Training will be Saturday, November 21, from 10:00 a.m.— Noon at the Lake County Fairgrounds.** Please call the Extension Office if you plan to attend. A hot dog lunch will be served at noon.

Fundraising for 4-H—Focus at Next Council Meeting

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 5, 2010

The Fair concession stand and citrus sales are currently the two primary fundraising activities for the Lake County 4-H Council. These fundraisers help send 4-H members and leaders to camps and trainings, as well as fund numerous fun days and projects throughout the year. Annually, the Council budgets more than \$20,000 for Lake County 4-H activities and projects. That's a lot of money! So, you can see how important it is that we have successful fundraising activities.

Fundraising is a necessity, but it also needs to be fun and productive for everyone involved. For that reason, Council has made fundraising for the next year the focus for the next Council meeting on January 5th. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office meeting room. If you would like to see a change in current fundraisers or have some great ideas or ways Council can fund activities for 4-H, PLEASE attend this meeting. All ideas are welcome and anything may be possible. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



Going E

You are going to make a difference! This newsletter will be emailed directly to you, beginning with the next issue! The amount of money and postage that is used to mail this newsletter to all the 4-H members, leaders and interested persons is staggering, so email is one way to save some expense. If you do NOT have email, we will continue to snail mail the newsletter to you. If you do have email, make sure we have your email address! If you have trouble downloading the email as it is sent, the newsletter will be posted on the website, where you can look at it as well.



The newsletter will also be going to an every 6-week format beginning with this issue. Please get anything you need in a newsletter to us as soon as you can.

You do make a difference! Thank you! And just think...You will get the newsletter the same day it's mailed!

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Shooting Sports Training

A State 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held in Kalispell on Friday evening and Saturday, December 4-5, 2009. The cost for this training is \$50.00 per adult and \$25.00 per teen and the Lake County 4-H Council may assist with this expense. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Lodging is on your own. An application and pre-test are available at the office. Applications are due in the Extension Office by November 23 at 5:00 p.m..

Shooting Sports Members!

Time to register for the 2009-2010 Montana State Shooting Sports Rifle, Pistol and Archery postal tournament. Please call the Extension Office to register for this.

It is important for every county that has a shooting sports program to be included in this program. 4-H membership is required to participate and to receive any awards.



Members, if you are interested in this contact your leader IMMEDIATELY. Registration is due November 16th!

Citizenship Washington Focus

If you are a member in good standing in Lake County 4-H, between the ages of 15 and 19, you may be eligible for a trip to Washington DC for Citizenship Washington Focus. Each year a delegation from Montana travels to DC for this incredible program. While there you will attend incredible workshops that relate to our government's inner workings. You will travel to the "Hill" to meet with state and national legislators. There is time to visit the mall, museums, monuments and cultural events. While there you will stay at the National 4-H Center which is pretty incredible in and of itself. Delegates travel as a group with Montana chaperones. The cost of the trip is usually about \$1700, due in two payments. Lake County 4-H Council may be able to help with a portion of the expense and the Susan Dufner scholarship (up to \$500) is available to one individual age 17 or older.



People Partner Grants

The Montana State 4-H Foundation each year offers grant opportunities to local 4-H club projects and activities. The grant application deadline is February 1, 2010. For more information, please contact Nori at the Extension Office.

MSU Montana Premier Scholarship Application

If you are a graduating senior and are thinking about attending MSU in Bozeman next fall, check out the new MSU Premier Scholarship Program. These awards will be targeted toward Montana college freshmen who show academic promise based upon ACT and/or SAT scores and grade point average. Leadership experience, activities, honors and financial need may also be considered. These awards will be applied toward tuition only. You can find the application in the MSU Viewbook or online at <http://apply.embarc.com/ugrad/montanastate/>.

Make It With Wool Regional Results

Several Lake County 4-H members recently participated in the Regional Make It With Wool Contest held in Ronan. Entering projects in the contest were Dawn Blevins, Kelsie Blevins, Alyssa Liddle-Young, Ashley Tryon, Sierra Hutchin, Courtney Taylor, Claudia Hewston and Cassidy Cheff. All of these young women did an incredible job making beautiful outfits with wool fabric! In the pre-teen division, Alyssa Liddle-Young received a first place and Ashley Tryon received second place. In the junior division, Cassidy Cheff received first place and Claudia Hewston received second place. Cassidy and Claudia will now travel to Billings in December to compete at the State Make It With Wool Contest where they will have the opportunity to win a trip to the national competition. Congratulations to all the competitors and good luck to those traveling to Billings!

International Travel Opportunities

There are several opportunities to travel abroad with 4-H if you are a 4-H member 15 years of age or older. Ever dreamed of going to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Norway or Japan? This may be your chance! Trips are during the summer and are 4 to 8 weeks long. While there, you will be staying with host families and learning about their country. For more information on these trips, check out the Montana 4-H webpage at [http://www.montana4h.org/pub/files/traveling%20table%20 promo.pdf](http://www.montana4h.org/pub/files/traveling%20table%20promo.pdf)

PS Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and others—chaperones are needed for these trips!

Happy travels!



Blazing Trails to New Mexico

4-H leaders from across the beautiful state of New Mexico will be your hosts for the 2010 Western Regional Leader's Forum (WRLF) in Albuquerque, March 11 through the 14th. All 4-H leaders, teens and staff from the 13 western states, 2 Canadian provinces and the Pacific Territories are invited. The event is capped at 400 participants, so don't delay in registering. On-line registration is available now. For further information and registration go to <http://nm4h.nmsu.edu> then click on details under the WRLF logo. Come, learn and enjoy in the "Land of Enchantment".

2010 Montana Fair Junior Livestock Show

Lake County 4-Hers who would like to exhibit and sell their market project animal at the Montana Fair in Billings (August 13-21) need to have their steers tagged on Saturday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon at PAYS livestock auction in Billings. Sheep & swine will be tagged Saturday, June 5, 8:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. at PAYS.

If anyone is interested, they must contact Roni Baker, Yellowstone Co. 4-H Extension Agent at 406-256-2828

2009 State 4-H Horse Show

This year's state 4-H horse show was held in Lewistown on October 2-4. Lake County members performed well. Congratulations, Lexi Bagnell and Bridgette Lake!

Lease a Horse Opportunity

4-Hers that are interested in leasing a Missouri Foxtrotter to use in the 4-H Horse project can get complete information and details from project leader Marla Gullickson.

Holiday Bazaar

Mission Valley 4-H Club is hosting their annual holiday bazaar on December 12 at the St. Ignatius Community Center from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Lindy at 531-7645 or Twila at 531-6825 or 745-2401.



Attention Organizational Leaders!

Don't forget, you will need to file a report by February 15th on your club's earnings this past year (October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009). It is very easy to file. It is best to do this ahead of time, if possible. If your club has an EIN you MUST file regardless of your club's income, but the filing is very simple and can be done on-line at no expense.

If your club has changed organizational leaders, be sure the correct person gets any mailings from the IRS regarding this filing, otherwise your club could be severely penalized by the IRS!

4-H Club Minutes

Pend d'Orielle Gleaners

On October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley View School, the Pend d'Orielle Gleaners met for our meeting. Carissa started the meeting and lead the pledges. New officers were elected as follows: President, Trevor McAllister; vice president, Tyler Kelsch; secretary, Bridger Fitzpatrick; treasurer, Carissa Griffin; reporter, Tim Fitzpatrick. Our club leader handed out fruit sale sheets, all sales are due by Nov. 2 to Tammy. Tammy also informed all members in our club if they are taking a market animal they must attend a Quality Assurance meeting. The first one being held is Nov. 21 at the fairgrounds in Ronan from 10-noon. We went over upcoming community projects and are thinking of new projects to add. Snacks were supplied by Emily Gerrity. November snack— McAllister boys and project is Fitzpatrick Boys.

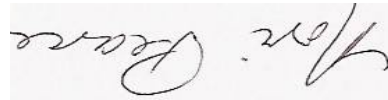
Dayton Cowboys

Meeting took place at the Hertel's. Roll call-name a vegetable or fruit. All of last year's members were present. Went over citrus sales. Next meeting will be Nov. 12 at 6:30 at the Wheeler house. Morgan will do the game and Marsa will do treats.

Did election for new officers. Members could nominate another member or themselves. Voted with a paper ballot. The new officers are: President, Marisa Reber; vice president, Danielle Heffner; secretary, Madisen Wheeler; treasurer, Natalee Wheeler; recorder, Darby Hertel.

Morgan provided lemon squares and juice for a treat and Natalee brought Apples to Apples for a game.

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