



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

December/January
2009/2010

Great Christmas Gift!

Greytak Calendars

The 2010 Montana Agriculture Calendars featuring the art of Don Greytak are available at the Extension Office. The calendars make great gifts, and all illustrations are suitable for framing. Calendars are \$10.00 each, payable to the 4-H Council.

Santa's Secret Shop-Holiday shopping for kids

Join in the holiday shopping fun at Santa's Secret Shop set for Wednesday, December 2nd, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., during the community's annual Christmas Stroll. Parents and leaders are asked to assist the teens during the selling hours. A sign up sheet is available at the office. Thank you for your support of this fun Teen 4-H fundraiser!



4-H Mini-Congress:

Teens are again planning a fun and exciting event for this year's 4-H mini-congress. Teens have a variety of workshops planned to create an action packed and fun holiday vacation. Youth in 5th through 7th grade will receive registration forms through school. The event, filled with fun, food, a dance and games, will take place at the Powder River High School on Saturday, January 2nd, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. What a great way to spend part of Christmas vacation!

Interested in international ranch help?

Extension has been contacted by a young German lady who's life dream is to work on a cattle ranch in the US. Maxi Mueller is a 19-year-old who would like to spend a year in the US working on a cattle ranch. She says, "I would like to broaden my knowledge about horses and cattle and get involved in all of the work so I become acquainted

Calendar

December

- 1 Enrollment Forms Due
- 2 Santa's Secret Shop, Courthouse Lobby, 4-7 pm
- 9 Teen 4-H, noon

January

- 2 4-H Mini-Congress
- 11 4-H Council Meeting, 4:00 pm

February

- 1 People Partner Grants Due
- 1 Deadline for 2010 Citizenship Washington Focus, June 12-19
- 15 Fairbook Dedication Nominations & Themes Due

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with the rancher's everyday life and know how to breed fine horses as well as cattle." Maxi will work for room and board and would appreciate a small allowance every week. Mary has been in contact with Maxi via e-mail and has found her to be very engaging. If you are interested in hosting Maxi (even for a few months), please contact the office at 436-2424.

Fair Theme and Dedication Names Needed

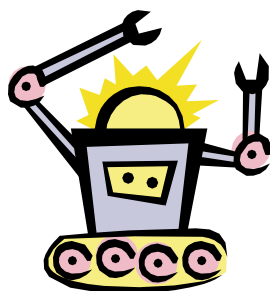
It may seem early to be planning for the 2010 Fair, but it will be here before we know it. The Fair Board has asked for themes and names of people to whom the fairbook should be dedicated. There is a \$25 cash award to the club or person that comes up with the best theme. Both the theme and names of people should be submitted by February 15th, to the Extension office.

4-H Council Meeting Set

Come to the next 4-H Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 11th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. It's an exciting time to be a part of this great youth organization, come help make it the best!

Robots are back!

The advanced robotic crew is working under the guidance of Jerry Strobel in the back room at the Extension Office, Mondays after school. Luke and Logan Mobley, Logan Pittman, and Carter Lynch are creating robots and designing software programs to tell



them what to do. It's fun to watch...stop in at the Extension Office and see all the fun learning taking place! But watch where you step...robots on the loose.

People Partner Grants Due February 1st

The People Partner grant program, sponsored by the Montana 4-H Foundation, offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in their communities. 4-H members determine a need, write the grant application and implement the project. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by February 1st. Due to a generous donation this year by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the amount of money to be awarded has doubled, \$10,000 will be awarded to Montana 4-H clubs. Projects funded in the past in Powder River County include sewing caps for cancer patients, building benches, and installing playground equipment. The grant is an excellent way to give back to the community.

Recruiting Key Leaders

Do you have certain expertise you'd like to share with youth? Are you interested in being the key leader for a project? We are again contacting people to be key leaders for project areas. If you have a particular interest in an area, and would like to work with youth or organize educational workshops, please contact us. We will sign you up today!

Enrollment Forms Due

Just a reminder to leaders that Enrollment Forms are due as soon as you can get them in.

Achievement of Excellence Award

To be eligible for an Achievement of Excellence award, which is a \$10 cash award given at Achievement Day, 4-H members must have completed all records in each project in which they are enrolled AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COUNTY SPEECH AND DEMONSTRATION DAY, which means presenting a demonstration, speech, illustrated talk, creative work or reading cowboy poetry. They must also have participated in the following:

- Assisted with 4-H promotion.
- Led an educational workshop
- Assisted with a County Event
- Helped individual kids with their projects
- Participated in a community service activity
- Exhibited at the fair for each project in which you are enrolled.

SENIORS: (14 years as of October 1, 2009) -

Must complete 5 out of 6.

INTERMEDIATE: (11 - 13 years)-

Must complete 4 out of 6.

JUNIOR: (9 - 10 years)-

Must complete 3 out of 6.

Keep Track of Community Service Hours

As you are keeping your 4-H records up-to-date each month, be sure to note the amount of time spent doing community service activities. This can be made in parentheses following the activity, i.e. "Picked up trash on the highway" (2). Why is this important?

According to Senior members applying to colleges and for scholarships, the amount of time spent doing community service is vitally important. If you keep track of it in your records as you go, whether you are 9 years old or 15; that information will be at your finger tips. Cool!

2010 Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is an educational trip to tour our nation's capitol. Delegates, 15 years and older by October 1, 2009, stay at the National 4-H Center and enjoy outstanding opportunities for sightseeing, as well as citizenship development. Past delegates have reported this as a highlight of their 4-H experience. The dates are set for June 12-19; the deadline to apply is February 1st. The cost is estimated at \$1,700.

Beginning Robotics Starts in January

Just two slots are open for a beginning robotics class that begins the first week in January. Jerry Strobel will be teaching the class, that will be held from 3:30 to 5:30, one evening a week in January and February. The day of the week to be announced. The fee is \$10. Call the Extension Office to register.

Search these websites for community service opportunities for youth

United We Serve

<http://serve.gov>

9/11 Nat'l Day of Service & Remembrance

www.911dayofservice.org

National Learn and Serve Challenge

www.learnandservechallenge.org

Youth Service Initiative 2009

<http://ysa.org/institute>

MLK Day of Service — January 18

www.mlkday.gov

Semester of Service

www.semesterofservice.org

National Service Learning Conference

www.nylc.org

Global Youth Service Day

<http://gysd.org>

Local Community Service Ideas

Locally, there are always opportunities to serve, and 4-H continues to lead the way in finding them. The St. Vincent De Paul Store, the Recycling Center, the Food Bank, and the Nursing Home all need and appreciate you!

