



# Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

## February 2012

### Dues were Due

The deadline for clubs to turn their dues into the 4-H Council was **January 15<sup>th</sup>**. If your club hasn't already done so, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Dues to the 4-H Council are \$5.00 per leader and \$1.00 per member.

### People Partner Grants

Note the fast approaching due date (February 1<sup>st</sup>) for People Partner Grants. If you have a special project in your community, these grants can be very helpful. The purpose of the program is to provide incentives and financial support to programs that will enhance the quality of living for people in a community. Contact the office (quickly) if you need more information.

### Fairbook Dedication Nominations and Theme Suggestions Due Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

Your creativity is needed to help plan a fun and exciting Fair. Please submit nominations for deserving people in the community who would be honored by having the Fairbook dedicated to them. In addition, the Fairboard is always interested in themes...please share your ideas with a Fairboard member or with the Extension staff.

### OREO Trip Scheduled - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Members - this trip is for you!

The 4-H OREO trip promises to be great fun this year. Scheduled for March 9-11th, it includes skiing or snowboarding at Red Lodge Mountain, roller skating and water slides...all in one weekend! Potential participants should have received the registration forms via e-mail; if not, please contact the Extension Office. The forms are also available online at [www.msueextension.org/powderriver](http://www.msueextension.org/powderriver). Chaperones are needed - take a parent! Keep in mind the registration deadline is **Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**.



### Calendar

#### February

- 1—People Partner Grants due  
Montana Citizenship Seminar Application Due
- 7—Youth Issues Meeting, 8:30 am  
Teen 4-H Meeting, noon
- 15—Fairbook Dedication & Themes due
- 24—OREO Deadline  
Leader's College Deadline

#### March

- 3—Leader's College, Miles City
- 9-11—OREO Ski Trip, Red Lodge
- 12—4-H Council Meeting, Election Room, 5:00 pm
- 15—Teen Counselor applications for Camp Needmore due
- 12—Demonstration Forms Due
- 16-18—4-H Rec Lab, Lewistown
- 25—4-H Speaks Out & Shows the Way—Demo Day

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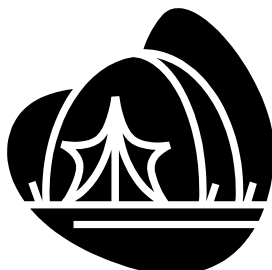


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## Apply to be a 4-H Camp Needmore Teen Counselor!

Applications are available at the Extension office and due **March 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Prairie County Extension Office for anyone interested in serving as a teen counselor at 4-H Camp Needmore in Ekalaka June 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>. You must have been 14 as of October 1, 2011 to apply, and not all who apply will be selected this year. Being a counselor is a wonderful leadership experience...don't let it pass!



## Opportunity for Leaders...

A Leader's College for Southeastern counties will be held on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** in Miles City. This is a wonderful opportunity to expand your leadership skills and knowledge...and have fun doing it! Three levels of leadership will be offered. The registration fee is \$15 which includes lunch. The 4-H Council will pay for any Powder River County 4-H leaders who would like to attend. Pre-registration is due by **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. Contact the Extension office or go on line at [www.msuextension.org/powderriver](http://www.msuextension.org/powderriver) to access the registration form and schedule.

## 4-H Speaks Out and Shows the Way-- March 25:

Demonstration Day is scheduled for Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. It is never too early to begin planning for the event. If you need ideas or guides on giving demonstrations or speeches, contact our office. We have videos and publications to help you. Registration forms are included in this newsletter and are due back to the Extension Office by March 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember, in order to be considered for the Achievement of Excellence Award (AEA) at the end of the 4-H

year, you must have given a county demonstration, a cowboy poetry entry, speech or creative works. If you are unable to participate in the County Contest on March 25<sup>th</sup>, you may fulfill the AEA requirement by giving your presentation to the 4-H Council.

## Mini-Congress – “Tangled” Up in 4-H

THANKS to all the teens and participants who made Mini-Congress a success. Eighteen participants played games, improved their skills, and interacted with teen 4-H members. Teens led a combination of workshops engaging the participants in a variety of hands-on activities. Teens and workshops included: Basketball – Katie Riley, Tyler Franklin, Tell Shannon and James Riley; Guitar – Luke Mobley; Desserts – Katie Riley, Darcy Anderson and Kaycee Kolka; Robotic Lego's – Carter Lynch and Logan Mobley; Dance – Tyler Franklin, Darcy Anderson & Lane McGill; Roping – Lane McGill and Tyler Franklin; Bunco! – Cody and Tracie Earley; Cards – Alyssa Riley.

Following the workshops and pizza was a dance, games and the movie “Tangled”. Taylor Rumph served as the “tech” for the AV equipment.

Participants included Kip and Karena Appleman; Maclain Cathey, Jolee, Jerrica and Payton Gotfredson; Jaeger and Rikki Held; Makinna Higgins, Christen Johnson, Sarah and Mary Lane; Kaycee and Baylee Layne; Claire Schaffer, Haley Wilson, Rebekah Ward, Clay LaPlant and Kaya Middle Rider.

## State 4-H Rec Lab - March 16-18th, Lewistown

“100 Years of Green” is the theme for Rec Lab, which will be held in Lewistown this year. This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an

action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. Youth thirteen years of age as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and adults are invited to attend. Registration forms are available at Powder River Extension Office.

### **The Sign Project**

Every three years, the signs at the Fairbarn need to be re-sold to continue to be on display. This is a fund raising opportunity for the 4-H Council and 4-H clubs. The Council receives 60% of the proceeds; the clubs 40%. By now, all clubs should have received a list of businesses who have purchased signs in the past. Those businesses need to be contacted to determine whether they would like to renew their contract for \$100 for three more years. New businesses can be approached to see if they would like to have a sign on display. New signs and/or signs with changes are the responsibility of the club to make or change.

### **A Community Service Project**

Towel "bibs" are needed at the Powder River Manor for residents. They involve minimal sewing. A donor is willing to provide the towels. If your club is interested in pursuing this project, please contact Dulcie Wright at the Powder River Manor.

### **Forms, forms and more forms...**

Attached to this newsletter the 4-H Horse Project Form and the 4-H Animal Project Form. Please sign and return to the Extension Office. You only have to sign one animal form per person not per project. If you plan on bringing a horse you need to sign the Horse Project Form. The forms are due by August 1st.