



## Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

July 2009

The Fairbook is on-line!

Go to [www.msuextension.org/powderriver](http://www.msuextension.org/powderriver)  
Entry Forms and Stalling Requests also!

### 4-H Congress next week...

Delegates Jessica Lammi, Taylor Rumph and Katie Riley are traveling with chaperone Mary Rumph to Bozeman July 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. "Youth Moving Mountains" is the theme for Congress 2009.

### Regional Small Animal Fair set for Miles City

A small animal fair for dogs, rabbits, poultry and cats is scheduled for 4-H members from Southeastern Montana enrolled in those projects. The event takes place on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in Miles City in the Home Show Building at the Fairgrounds. Deadline for registering is July 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register, contact the Powder River County Extension Office.



### Interview Judging for 4-Hers

Who knows more about your exhibit than you do? NO ONE!! That's why Powder River County uses interview judging at the County Fair.

**What is Interview Judging?** Interview judging is a chance for you to visit with the judge about your exhibit, your total project and your ribbon placing.

**Why Interview Judging?** You know more about what you are exhibiting than anyone. This is your chance to share what you see as the good points of your exhibit as well as what could be improved. You will also learn why you received the ribbon you did.

### Calendar

July

7-10 4-H Congress,  
Bozeman

**13 FAIR ENTRIES  
DUE!**

29 4-H Regional Small  
Animal Judging Day

August

1 Gary Green Memorial  
Applications Due

4 Interview Judging

**KICK Up Your Heels at  
PRCF!**

**August 6-8**

**Powder River Co. Fair**

13 Carcass Show, 4 pm

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**Who will be your Interview Judge?** Your judge will be someone who knows 4-H and the project you are exhibiting. That person will also like young people, and will be eager to visit with you about what you have done. Try to think about your judge as an interested friend.

**How can you prepare?** Think about the item you are bringing to exhibit. What are the steps you went through to complete it? How does it fit into your 4-H project. Have your leader, parents, or friends ask you questions about your exhibit so you get used to talking about it.

**What will you do?** You should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to interview in case there has been a cancellation. Or, you may have to wait a few minutes. When your time arrives, walk up to the judge's table, sit down and smile. The judge will visit with you and ask you questions. Try to answer them as completely as you can. If you've had problems, share them with the judge and discuss possible solutions. As you're talking, look at the judge. A judge wants to hear you and know exactly what you're saying.

**What questions might be asked?** A few possibilities are: Where did you get your supplies? How much did it cost? How did you make this item? What steps were involved? Where do you plan to use this item? What help have you received from others? What more did you do in the project? What would you like to do in this project area now? What was the most fun in doing this item? What were your problems?

**What ribbon will you receive?**

After talking to the judge, a decision will be made about your ribbon placing. If you don't agree or have further comments, share your ideas with the judge.

**What happens after judging?** After receiving your ribbon, return your item to the display table. It will be viewed by many people, who come to see all the 4-H exhibits.

**How long will interview judging take?** Your conversation with the judge will be very short. It will last from one minute for beginning exhibits to possibly five minutes for more advanced projects. It will go quickly so be certain to tell the judge as much as you can. Interview judging is FUN! It's a chance for you to share your ideas, to learn how to improve and see what others are exhibiting. Remember, NO ONE knows more than you do about your exhibit. Smile, relax and enjoy visiting with your judge.

## **4-H Fair Livestock Exhibit Notes**

\*Stalling Requests are available online at [www.msuextension.org/powderriver](http://www.msuextension.org/powderriver). Click on Fair. They are due July 13th.

\*All 4-H livestock exhibits must be in possession of the family at least 30 days prior to the fair.

Remember, the carcass contest is optional. If you enter your steer or hog in the Fair, and want to participate in the carcass contest, list it on your entry form. If you plan to enter a steer in the carcass contest, you must be Beef Quality Assurance certified.



## Fair Entry Forms

Your Fair entry forms can either be picked up at the Extension Office or accessed at [www.msuextension.org/powderriver](http://www.msuextension.org/powderriver). **Fairbooks are now available online also.** Use the same website as the entry form and stalling request. Be sure to get your entry form and stalling request back to our office by July 13th!! Please list each lot # individually when completing your entry form.

## REMINDER: Every Time; Every Ride

Any youth who exhibits a horse at the Powder River County Fair must watch the video "Every Time; Every Ride" with a parent prior to Fair, unless you wear a helmet while riding at the Fair. We have helmets available for purchase for \$17.00 at the Extension Office. If you haven't seen the video yet, contact the Extension Office to make arrangements. **If you watched the video in the past, you do not need to watch it again this year.**



## Gary Green Memorial Funds

The Gary Green family is again offering \$500 toward the purchase of a heifer calf of one's choice. The 4-H member must be 12 years of age and complete a simple application form available from the Extension Office. The form is due August 1<sup>st</sup>. The recipient will be announced at the Fair and the money awarded upon proof of purchase. The successful participant is required to keep in touch with the Greens on the heifer's progress and exhibit as a heifer and cow/calf pair at Fair.

## Annual Horse Clinic Held

Seven youth attended the annual horse clinic organized by Katie Ward. Clinician Dr. Catherine Young worked with individual riders sharing excellent tips and techniques for improving their ability to show on the halter and in the saddle. Participants included: Rebekha Ward, Billie Rae and Randii Bartholomew, Kaitlin, Kaycee and Courtney Kolka, and Miranda Minow. A special treat during a mid-morning break were muffins baked by Katie Ward.

## Powder River Campers "Cowboy Up" at Camp Needmore

Due to rain and cold, twenty-two Powder River County 4-H members and four adults indeed had to "cowboy up" this year at Camp Needmore. In spite of damp, cold weather, the youth repelled, danced, finger knitted, built tool boxes and had a good time. Campers who attended included Ethan Ruff, Zachary Ward, Katie Lane, Noah Williams, Annie Swenson, Makinna Higgins, Rebekah Ward, Sarah Lane, Samantha Ruff, Jay Randall, Eric Swenson, Kolette Balsam, Ashley Bird, Carter Lynch, Lucas Riley, Julia Swenson, Lindsey and Amy Riley, Miranda Minow, Courtney Kolka, Lydia Lynch and Mary Lane. Chaperones included Linda Bird, Margie Riley, Diana Swenson and Julie Riley, Agent.

## Annual PRAIRIE Camp a great Success!

"It was fun!" commented one PRAIRIE camp participant, "the workshops were really GREAT!" How could it be anything but fun when more than twenty-six different workshops were offered to the 6-12th grade students; twenty for the 3rd-5th grade

students and fifteen choices for the K-2nd grade students? Choices included, but weren't limited to paintball, dance, handbags, chess, theater, yoga, leathercraft, fly-tying, campfire food, fishing, trap drums, tessalations, wildlife, juggling, art, accordion, papermaking, etc., etc. How could one narrow it down to five choices?! Over fifty youth did choose their favorite workshops and had an exciting three days at this "camp" designed and facilitated by local talented folks.

### **Pet Parade and Fashion Revue BIG Hit at P.R. Manor**

Residents at the Powder River Manor enjoyed a special afternoon when 4-H members incorporated a pet parade with the annual 4-H Fashion Revue. Rebekah Ward and Payton Gotfredson were the two Fashion Revue participants who modeled garments they had constructed. Modeling ready-made garments were Katie and Sarah Lane. Sarah carried her cat "Pebbles". Additional participants in the pet parade included Lydia Lynch with her calico cat named "Clover", Mary Lane and her golden retriever, "Max", and Lindsey Riley with her black lab mix named "Cricket". Brooke and Brandi Billing added the final flourish to the event by providing refreshments: puppy chow and rice crispy bars with frosted paw prints. Brandi emceed the event. Residents and participants enjoyed the opportunity to interact with each other.

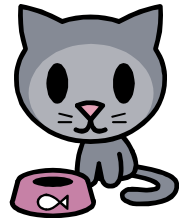
### **Powder River Manor Nursing Home Renovation Project Challenge...**

The Mizpah Masters 4-H Club donated \$100 to the Manor for the purpose of making improvements to a room. The Manor is

financially challenged and every donation can make a difference in supporting renovation projects. The Mizpah members have issued a challenge to other clubs to meet the contribution they have made.

### **Cat and Dog Clinic very Informative**

Ronda Gatlin shared her patience, love of cats and dogs, and a lifetime of skills with several 4-H cat and dog exhibitors during the Small Animal Clinic organized by Krista Gotfredson. Youth who attended the feline portion of the program included Jerrica Gotfredson, Lydia Lynch, Amanda Gaskill, Rebekah Ward, Elizabeth Emeline, Maggie Roig and Sarah Lane. Participants enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Krista before the canine clinic began. 4-H members attending the dog clinic included Casey Knobloch, Jerrica Gotfredson, Lydia Lynch, Elizabeth Emeline, Maggie Roig, Katie and Mary Lane and Lindsey Riley. At each clinic, Ronda explained how to prepare their respective animals for the Fair and shared helpful hints from removing the unwilling cat from the cat carrier to teaching a dog to sit and stay.



### **Old Fairbarn Clean-UP — Calling ALL Clubs!!**

Cans for Kids and Powder River Recyclers will need lots of volunteers to bale all the recycled materials stored in the old fairbarn. If your club needs a community service project, consider recycling! Call Karen Amende or Lori Turnbough to find out dates and times in July for baling.

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