



Powder River County Footnotes

4-H News

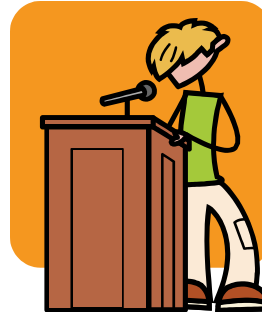
March 2009

Come to the 4-H Council Meeting

The March Council meeting will be held on **Monday, March 16th**, at **4:00 p.m.** in the Courthouse Election Room. We invite each and every club to be represented at the Council Meeting, so please come. Ambassadors will be interviewed prior to the meeting, then approved at the meeting.

Give a County Demonstration or Speech

How are preparations coming for your presentation? Just a few reminders...posterboard is available at the Extension Office for 75 cents per sheet. Senior members have the option of giving a "creative works." Also, remember the category, Cowboy Poetry. March 23rd is the deadline for registration. A schedule will be sent to all participants in early April. If you have any suggestions for judges, please contact the office. Senior youth - this is your opportunity to qualify for 4-H Congress in the Speech or Demonstration contests. Winners at the state level can earn a trip to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta.



Apply for a state award - Win a trip to Atlanta

Another way to attend National 4-H Congress is through a State Awards application. Members who are selected as state winners, are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. There can be more than one winner in a project or activity area. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship and community service. Completed applications must be in the State 4-H office by May 1st. Most important...don't wait until the last minute to work on your application. Start today!

Calendar

March

- Feb. 27-1 Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum
- 4-Vet. Detective, 3:30-5:00 pm
- 9-Ambassador Apps Due
- 11-Vet. Detective, 3:30-5:00 pm
- 13-Teen Counselor Apps for Camp Needmore Due
- 16-4-H Council Meeting, Election Room, 4:00 pm
Ambassador Interviews, 4:00 pm
- 18-Vet. Detective 3:30-5:00 pm
- 20-22-Rec Lab, Forsyth
- 23-Demonstration Day Forms Due
- 25-Vet. Detective, 3:30-5:00 pm

April

- 5-4-H Speaks Out and Shows the Way-Demonstration Day
- 20-26-TV Turnoff Week

May

- 1-Project Add/Drop Deadline
- 4-H State Awards Applications Due
- MT 4-H Scholarship Application Due



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Calling all Potential Ambassadors!

Applications are due March 9th to be a Junior Ambassador. If you have been a 4-H member for two years, and have experience as a Junior Leader or club officer, you are eligible to become the next Powder River County Ambassador. Only one ambassador will be chosen through an application and interview process. Interviews will be on March 16th at 4:00 p.m. and 4-H Council will review the recommendation during their meeting that follows.

Have a Community Service Idea?

Powder River County High School is planning its' 11th annual "Community Appreciation Day". The format is different this year. Students, teachers and organizations interested in working on a project to improve the school or community will need to submit a project proposal to Patty Williams or Jim Hansen by **Tuesday, March 17th**. Project proposal will be reviewed by a committee and prioritized through consideration of the need and the number of people affected by the project. A limited number of students will be allowed to participate, so make sure to put time and thought into your proposal. This format change will result in project being more student driven. Remember, these service activities look good on your 4-H records, on resumes, and on scholarship applications - plus it is rewarding and fun to help spruce up your community!



Celebrate National TV Turnoff Week - April 20 - 26th

Why turn off the TV? Television cuts into family time, harms our children's ability to read and succeed in school, and contributes to unhealthy lifestyles and obesity. Here are just a few of the facts:

- American children watch nearly 3 hours of TV every day
- Kids spend more time in front of the tube each year than they do in school
- Kids who watch more than 6 hours/day score much lower on proficiency tests
- Studies of more than 400,000 kids find TV is bad for academic achievement



How can you be involved? The Youth Issues group is looking for funds for prizes to support youth who participate in TV Turnoff Week. Your 4-H club could sponsor a prize. Your club could offer a "club challenge" to other clubs to turn off the tube that week. Be creative...share your ideas at the next club meeting.

4-H Records Available On-line

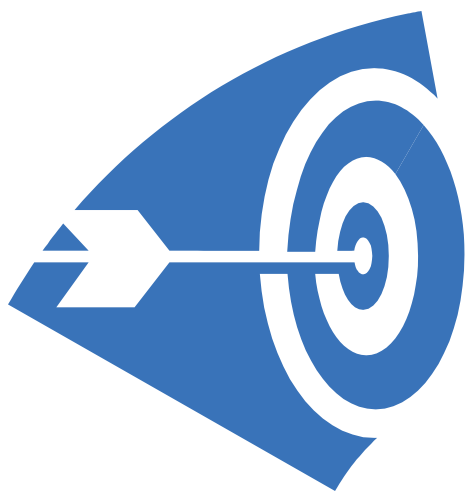
My 4-H Year, My 4-H Journal and My 4-H Animal Record have been updated to create interactive fields. This means that you can download each form to a computer, open the file, and enter the information into each box or line. You'll want to download the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. The updated forms are available on the Montana 4-H website at www.montana4h.org or www.msuextension.org/powderriver.

Vet Detective begins March 4th

4th and 5th grade youth are invited to attend an after-school program that will run from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., at the Election Room, on Wednesdays in March. Kids will learn what veterinarians do, and about an animal's digestive system, flight zone and behavior patterns. The 4-week program will include a visit to the Randall Ranch to observe buffalo, and a visit to a local veterinarian's office. The program will be taught by Margie and Julie Riley. Registration is FULL.

Broadus Sharp Shooters place in State Postal Match

The archery and rifle shooters had a good showing in this year's Postal Match. The Postal Match is a statewide contest where archery and rifle shooters shoot for 8 weeks, posting their best scores individually. In the archery division the following members placed in their age groups: Shaw LaPlant placed third in the limited division, Logan Brown placed first in the barebow division, Jake Smith placed third and Dillon Isaak placed 4th in the unlimited division. Congratulations to everyone! Other archery participants include: Rebekah and Zachary Ward, Houston Brown, Cody Krussow, Heather LaPlant, Ethan Ruff, Dillon Wahl, and Zachary Amsden. Rifle members included: Carter Lynch, Leonard Byrd, Ethan Ruff, Bryden Buhmann, Dillon Wahl, Harold Watters, and Stephen Burek. A big thank you goes to Lennie Buhmann, Lyle Hoppe, Don Isaak, and Gene Smith for being club leaders. Also, congratulations to TOM RIGGS for winning the Raffle Rifle that the Club was selling.



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