



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

March 2010

Calendar

Come to the 4-H Council Meeting

The March Council meeting will be held on **Monday, March 8th**, at **5:00 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*. April 5th 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!



March

- 1 Ambassador Apps Due
- Expanding Your Horizons for Girls Registration Open
- 8 4-H Council, 5:00 pm Ambassador Interviews, 4:00
- 15 Teen Counselor Apps for Camp Needmore Due
- 26 Community Appreciation Day Proposals Due

April

- 1 4-H Scholarships Due
- 5 Demonstration Day forms due
- 17 Expanding Your Horizons, Bozeman
- 18 Demonstration Day, 1:00 pm
- 19 Demonstration Day Make-up, 4:00 pm

May

- 1 Project Add-Drop deadline
- State Awards Due

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Have a Community Service Idea?

Powder River County High School is planning it's 12th annual "Community Appreciation Day". 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 by **Friday, March 26th**. 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 19 - 25th

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. However, depending on which version of Adobe PDF reader or writer you have, you may not be able to save the file. You'll want to download the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader. The updated forms will be available on the Montana 4-H website at [or](#) .

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Sponsors Shiloh Sharps Rifle Fundraiser

Support the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports fundraiser by buying a chance to win a \$2,500 gift certificate for a Shiloh Sharps Rifle. The drawing will be held June 20, 2010, at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth. Contact Lennie Buhmann, Don Isaak or the Powder River Taxidermy to purchase your ticket.

Wonderful Opportunity in Sheep Breeding Project

Ted, Cathy and John Elgin are again sponsoring an ewe lamb for a 4-H member to take as a project. The lamb will be available for pickup on June 1st. 4-H youth interested in applying for the lamb and showing it at the Fair this year are encouraged to complete the following questions:

- 1) Why would you like the lamb?
- 2) How will you care for it?
- 3) What previous experience do you have with raising sheep?

A parent needs to sign your request (so we know they know what you are up to); be sure to include your name and age and return your request to the Extension Office.

The deadline is Thursday, April 15th.

OREO Trip - to Medora, North, Dakota - June 2 -4, 2010

7th and 8th grade youth mark your calendars for 3 days of fun on a trip to Medora, North Dakota, and the Medora Musical. Junior High youth from across Southeastern Montana will travel to Dickinson for tours and fun at the Community Center, and then on to Medora. Watch for registrations in the mail.

"Expanding Your Horizons"

Registrations are now open for MSU's Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference on Saturday, April 17th. The day-long program is designed to motivate girls in grades 6th - 8th to pursue math and science courses and careers. Workshops are taught by MSU faculty and community members and cover topics like astronomy, sports medicine, architecture and more. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch, materials and four hands-on sessions. Agenda and registrations are available online at [EYH](#) is a high-demand program and space is limited. Registrations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

Your input is needed! - What kinds of entertainment would you like to see at this year's fair?

The fairboard wants to know what kinds of entertainment to sponsor at this year's Powder River County Fair.

Go to

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/7WM5RDW>
and let us know what you think.

Graduating Seniors - Check out Montana's 4-H Scholarships

All scholarships given out by the MT 4-H Foundation are on the Montana 4-H website at www.montana4h.org. **The deadline is April 1st**. You'll find seven scholarships listed there, with eligibility requirements for each. Students who qualify for a project-specific scholarship such as the Doug Dear, which emphasizes horse project work, should explain their work in that specific project in that application.

The Montana Meat Processors Association Scholarship (\$1000) is also on the website, but it requires a different application process. The deadline is April 1st.

The **Shooting Sports Scholarship (\$500)** is new. If you qualify for it, add "Shooting Sports Scholarship" to the bottom of the first page of the Montana 4-H Scholarship Application form.

Good luck to all Powder River Co. Dist. High School seniors as you pursue your scholarships.

