



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

November 2009

Calendar

November

- 1-15 4-H Display at the library
- 2 Registration to the District 8 Leader's Meeting Due
- 2 Farm to School Fundraiser forms due
- 4 Family Fun & Achievement Night, 5:00 pm
- 7 Fall Craft and Sewing Festival, Miles City
- 8 District 8 Leaders Meeting, Miles City
- 15 Applications due for National 4-H Conference
- 28 PRCA Countdown to Christmas

December

- 1 4-H Member & Leader Enrollment forms due
- 2 Santa's Secret Shop

January

- 2 4-H Mini-Congress

February

- 1 People Partner Grants



4-H Achievement Ceremony and Family Fun Night—Wednesday, November 4th

This annual evening of fun will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the VFW. Ice breakers and games will kick off the event. The awards ceremony will follow at 5:30 p.m., and the celebration will conclude with roast beef sandwiches, salads and desserts at 6:00 p.m. The ceremony will spotlight members and leaders for the hard work they've done over the past year. Clubs are asked to bring salads and desserts; the 4-H Council will provide buns, roast beef and drinks.

Community Service at Achievement Night – Donations for our new, local, St. Vincent's DePaul Store

It is so exciting to have a St. Vincent's store in our community...and we can show our support through a community service project at Family Fun Night. Bring items to donate to St. Vincent's to the VFW on Wednesday, November 4th. Featured items are clothing, housewares, games, etc. All items should be clean, smoke-free, and in good repair. At St. Vincent's, all items and labor are donated. 4-H members can provide community service by volunteering to work at St. Vincent's.

District 8 Leaders Meeting, 12:30-4:00 p.m., Miles City

Leaders are invited to attend this fun filled afternoon. Lunch will include a Baked Potato Bar. You will have the opportunity to participate in a skillathon using the new 4-H materials and you will learn to master the 4-H Web page. The cost is \$5. Registration is due November 2nd.

Custer County's annual Fall Craft and Sewing Festival - Saturday, November 7th

4-H members can spend a very productive Saturday at this annual event in Miles City. The Registration fee is \$20 which includes lunch and materials for most workshops. Workshops include (Session 1) Pillowcases, Tic-Tac-Toe (quilted fun game for home or travel), Crocheted Washcloth; (Session 2) 4-Patch Sewing Bag, Scarecrow Fun, Bake It or Fake it Hostess Apron; (Session 3) Fleece Boa & Hat; and, Scrapbook Mania; Run-Run-Run (a small holiday table runner). Contact the Extension Office for a registration form. If interested in attending, register as quickly as possible, the classes fill up fast.

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Second Annual PRCA “Countdown to Christmas”

November 28th is the date scheduled for the PRCA’s “*Countdown to Christmas*”. Clubs and organizations are invited to bring items for the silent or live auction. Proceeds from the silent auction goes directly back to the clubs that donated for their needs and causes. Santa will be present, a chili supper is on the agenda and the evening will conclude with a dance featuring Butch Samuelson at the piano. Items for the auction need to be delivered to the VFW prior to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Items can be left with Peggy Fruit at the Town Office earlier in the week. The PRCA committee is asking for a 10% donation from items sold to help cover the cost of the hall and Butch; however, the donation is optional.

Travel to Washington, D.C....

National 4-H Conference, March 20-25th, is a working conference in which youth and adults – at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture – assist in developing recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and to effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action. Youth delegates (Montana will send up to four) must be 15-18 years of age as of January 1, 2010 and not a High School senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend. Partial funding is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation; delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,200 total cost per participant. The deadline to apply is November 15th.

D.C. isn’t far enough? Apply to be an IFYE!

Consider applying to be an IFYE (International Foreign Youth Exchange) and travel abroad! One-month travel options include Norway, Australia, Finland and Japan. The deadline to apply is January 1st, 2010. As you can see, opportunities thru 4-H are endless.

Shooting Sports Sign up quickly approaching...

Registrations for Shooting Sports are due **November 5th**. Don Isaak, Gene Smith, and Lennie Buhmann are the leaders this year, and are excited about working with you and your parents. Practice sessions will begin the week of November 23rd.

Santa’s Secret Shop

The annual Santa’s Secret Shop will be held during the Christmas Stroll on Wednesday, December 2nd. It will be located in the Courthouse Lobby, from 4 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Teen 4-H, Santa’s Secret Shop allows children to buy low cost gifts for family and friends. Prior to shopping, parents specify how much money can be spent and for whom the child needs to buy. Teen members then help kids with their shopping.



ATTENTION LEADERS: Enrollment Forms Due December 1st

Hopefully, everyone has their 2009 Clovers and enrollment forms. Main leaders – please return all enrollment forms by December 1st. A reminder... before you send in your project materials order form, check at the Extension Office for books we may have on hand—you are welcome to our existing supplies at no cost.

16th Annual 4-H Mini-Congress

The date for the 16th Annual 4-H Mini-Congress is set for Saturday, January 2nd, at the High School. Fifth, sixth and seventh grade students plan to attend (and bring your friends). Registrations will be available the last week in November. In addition to fun, (lots of it!), Mini-Congress promises to offer exciting, motivating workshops, delightful entertainment, and great company.

PLEASE NOTE: Newly Elected 4-H Club Reporters

Please send your report to the Extension Office. We will retain a copy for our records and give one to Joe at the Examiner. They can be mailed to us at P.O. Box 200; or e-mailed to powderriver@montana.edu

Why keep records?

Keeping records is a great way to hold onto your memories about each incredible year you have in 4-H; develop your skills in communicating; organize your time and document events and actions. Think of records like an entry book or diary, kept regularly, even daily. You're doing this for yourself. Make them creative. Make them memorable. Add pages as you need them. Design your own unique page. Make them your scrapbook. Add photographs. Make them your own. Most important...just do them!!!

Bug's Life Reading Program Concludes

"Rock, Roll and READ" was the theme of this year's after-school reading program that just concluded. The program began on Monday, September 28th, and was held at three different sites. The program, geared for kids in Kindergarten through fourth grade, had twenty participants. The 5-week, after-school event, emphasized reading one-on-one with an older youth or adult for ½ hour each Monday. Following the reading portion of the after school program, the kids participated in fun, activities taught by teen and adult volunteers. Teens leading the activities included Raquel Sweat, Kaylin Hessman, Taten Anderson, Emilie Shaw, Drew Gaskill, Darcy Anderson, Katie Riley, Jessica Lammi and Taylor Rumph. "The interaction between the teens and the young students is mutually rewarding," commented one adult volunteer. "It is so positive for teens to volunteer for that role," she added.

Start Now on State Awards Applications

Although not due until May 1st, now is an excellent time to start working on State Awards Applications. Youth need to be at least fourteen years of age to apply (by October 1st, 2009) and should have been enrolled in the project they are applying in for at least three years. Good record keeping makes applying for a state award much easier. A trip to Atlanta, Georgia, to attend National 4-H Congress is a goal worth working toward; nearly every 4-H member who has experienced it reports it was the highlight of their 4-H career. At the office, we have copies of several successful state awards applications, check them out if interested.

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. Artist Don Greytak grew up on a wheat and cattle ranch bordering Canada in North Central Montana. Don made his living ranching, as a pilot, and designer-builder of horse and stock trailers. But it wasn't until he began using his self-taught creative side as a pencil artist that he truly felt he had found his niche in life. Don began drawing at the age of 42, using his life's experiences and observations as inspiration.