



Elgin Lamb Project

The lamb project has had a boost, due to the generosity of the Elgin Family. Alyssa Riley was the recipient of a lamb last Fall. She showed it as a yearling at the Fair this year. This spring, Cory West and Maclain Cathey both received ewe lambs from the Elgin family, which they also exhibited at the Fair. All three had blue ribbon exhibits and were complimented on the quality of their suffolk ewes. Congratulations to these youth for their initiative in pursuing a very worthwhile project.

Seeking...Livestock Judging Teams at the NILE

Interested in expanding your livestock judging skills? The contest at the NILE in Billings is just the place to do that on Tuesday, October 12th. Ross and Cindy Stalcup are willing to help judges get to the contest and are especially interested in acquiring three more members of a Senior team to compete with Lucas. Lucas was top Senior Individual at the Billings Fair. A great deal of enthusiasm and interest was apparent at the county fair judging hosted by the Liscomb Mountain 4-H Club. This is an opportunity to compete at another level and represent Powder River County. If interested, contact the Stalcups at 784-2090 or at mcdeed@rangeweb.net by September 20th. The deadline for registering for the NILE is October 1st.

District 8 4-H Leaders and Teen Ambassador Meeting

Interested in sharing ideas with leaders from other counties? The annual District Leader's Meeting will be held in Baker on Sunday, September 12th. Teen Ambassadors from the district will meet then, too. The event will begin at 1:00 p.m. with a meal and conclude about 3:30 p.m. Each county is invited to bring an item for a Silent Auction to benefit the Montana 4-H Foundation. Ideas for community

Calendar

- September
- 4-5 Annual PRQHBA Futurity Show & Sale
 - 8 Teen 4-H Meeting, Noon
 - 9 Registration for Bug's Life Due
 - 11 Broadus Quilt Show
 - 12 District 8 4-H Leaders & Teen Ambassador Meeting, Baker
 - 20 Bug's Life Reading Program Begins, Mondays for 5 weeks
 - 23-25 Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival, Billings
 - 24-25 State Leadership Forum—Deer Lodge
 - 28 "Sleepy Hollow" by Montana Reperatory Theatre
- October
- 1 Club Reports of Member's due to office
 - 3-9 National 4-H Week "Taking the Lead"
 - 4-8 International Walk To School Week
 - 11 4-H Council Meeting, 5:00 pm
 - 21-23 Fall Ambassador Training, Fairmont

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service, People Partner grants and the Montana Centennial will be discussed. Contact the Fallon/Carter Extension Office at 778-7110 by September 7th to register.

Montana State 4-H Leadership Forum - "Do Time...4-H Style" - September 24-25th, Deer Lodge

Though located in Western Montana, the 2010 Montana State Leadership Forum promises to help motivate leaders **and** provide new skills and knowledge. Friday evening will feature a tour of the Old Montana Territorial Prison with Ellen Baumier, author and Interpretive Historian for the Montana Historical Society. Ellen will weave through the old prison as she talks of ghostly encounters and the whispering walls of the historic Deer Lodge Prison. The tour will finish with a dessert social. Saturday will be filled with great workshops, a skillathon, time to reconnect with old friends and will feature the Dillon Jr. Fiddlers at the banquet. The 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for leaders who attend. The "*first time*" attendees who submit their registration forms will be reimbursed their registration costs at the forum through a grant from the National 4-H Council and Monsanto. More details are available at the Extension Office or by accessing the web site www.montana4h.org/4hleadershipforum.



award donors and those people and/or businesses who purchased your livestock or silent auction items. Let them know that their support is truly appreciated. "Thank you" posters will be sent to you with a photo of your market animals. Deliver them to the buyer of your livestock. A special thanks to Jimmy Collins who photographed the market livestock and to 1st Bank who clerked *and* financed the sale. Market livestock exhibitors received their checks in *record time* this year due to the efforts of 1st Bank staff and management's willingness to finance the sale. Your "thank you's" are important!

4-H Silent Auction Provides Money for 4-H Kids

For more than 10 years, the 4-H Silent Auction has been raising money for 4-H kids enrolled in non-livestock projects at the Powder River County Fair. An idea brought to fruition by then teen 4-H member, Tyler Gardner, Fairboard Chairman, the silent auction has continued to offset costs related 4-H projects. It also develops their entrepreneurial skills in deciding what product to make and how to display and market it. 4-H kids who participated included Morgan, Mason and Makinna Higgins, David Williams, Carter and Lydia Lynch, Ashley Bird, Brooke and Brandi Billing, Lindsey Riley, Cory West, Andrea, Julia and Eric Swenson, Sage Collins, Miranda Minow, Jolee Karls, Payton Gotfredson, Rikki Held, and Mary Lane.

FAIR NOTES:

Fair Follow Up -

Thank you notes are necessary to ensure long-term donors and supporters. Thank the

Attention Market Livestock Exhibitors

As in past years, 2% was deducted from your livestock check for freight and advertising

expenses. Livestock was hauled Saturday evening by Terry Considine from Broadus Meats, and Ben and Brenda Minow. These folks deserve a big, personal "Thank You" from each of you. The deduction also paid for the "thank you" ad in the paper for the market livestock sale and the buyers' barbeque.

End of 4-H Year Approaching...

Which records? Every member should complete one "My 4-H Year" (this is your annual permanent record);

Project and Financial Journal

- one for each project; and an

Animal Record for each

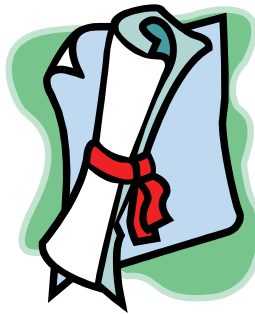
animal project. For example,

if you took 3 cats to the Fair, you need only one Animal Record. If you took a heifer and a cow-calf to the Fair, you only need one Animal Record for the Beef Breeding Project.

However, if you took a heifer and a market steer, those are two separate projects, and each should have their own Animal Record.

You can pick up record sheets at the Extension Office or off the Powder River County Extension website, which is

www.msuextension.org/powderriver, **click on 4-H, then on Record Books. Keeping a good set of records is extremely helpful when applying for a state award!**



4-H Project Completion

To complete your 4-H year and earn your yearly membership disc, you need to complete records for each project in which you are enrolled. Club leaders will determine if member's records are complete, and turn the list of names and projects into the Extension

Office by **October 1st**. Your club leader will tell you when your records are due to them. Turn in Secretary, Treasurer's books and Scrapbooks to the Extension Office by October 1st to be eligible for an award. In addition to the Treasurer's book, bank statements, check register and bills need to be turned in for auditing purposes. Club leaders will audit club accounts after the 4-H Council meeting on October 11th.

Achievement of Excellence Award

Are you eligible for the Achievement of Excellence Award? 4-H members must have participated in the following activities, and have completed each project in which they are enrolled:

Mandatory Requirements:

- *Must have completed all records in each project they are enrolled in.
- *Given a County Demonstration, Speech, or Creative Works for Demonstration Day

Additional Requirements:

- *Assisted with 4-H Promotion
- *Assisted with a County Activity
- *Lead an Educational Workshop
- *Helped individual kids with their project
- *Participated in/or organized a community service activity
- *Exhibited at the fair in each project enrolled in

Seniors must have completed 5 out of 6; Intermediate (11-13 years) must have completed 4 out of 6; and, Juniors (9 - 10 years) must have completed 3 out of 6 activities listed above. Contact your club leader, if you are eligible.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Celebrate National 4-H Week by telling your 4-H success story. The theme this year is "Taking the Lead" - 4-H members are quite capable in doing that! Create a window display. During National 4-H Week, tell your friends, neighbors and classmates about 4-H, a fun-filled youth development program. Maybe they'd like to join your club!

Ambassador Fall Training

Fall training is a chance to learn more about the Ambassador Program, share ideas with Ambassadors across the state and get motivated about 4-H. This training, held at Fairmont Hot Springs **October 21-23** will be a fun and exciting, hands-on experience. **Two prospective ambassadors** are eligible to attend, so if this sounds like something you are interested in, please apply.

How will Prospective Ambassadors be chosen?

Any 4-H member, who is 14 years of age, by October 1st, 2010, is eligible to apply. If you are interested in applying to be a prospective ambassador, submit a one page paper describing 1) why you want to go; 2) what you plan to learn; and, 3) how you will give back to your community once you return. The application is due **Monday, September 13th at the Extension Office**. A committee of four executive officers representing both Teen 4-H and 4-H Council will make the selection.

Fun & Creative Sewing or Crafting at the Rocky Mountain Festival

Develop new skills and have fun crafting at the upcoming Rocky Mountain Sewing Festival set

for September 23-25 at the Shrine Auditorium in Billings. Choose from over one hundred workshops including creating quilts, appliques, stained glass and mosaics. A new sewing machine will be given to the **youth quilter** who wins "Best of Show". Pick up information at the Office. But hurry, workshops are filling up.



Teen 4-H --TIME TO MEET-- September 8th!

All teens who will be in Teen 4-H next year are encouraged to attend the meeting in the High School Library on Wednesday, September 8th. Teens can belong to both a local club and the Teen 4-H Club, or just the teen club alone. The agenda will include Fair and Achievement Day.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR... 2010 Clovers Here

As we wrap up the end of a 4-H year, the new Clovers have arrived to entice us. The Clover is the guide to project selection...have fun "shopping" for the projects you'll take next year! Club leaders can pick up the new 4-H Clover along with member and leader enrollment forms at the office.

Broadus Quilt Show

All 4-H members are encouraged to enter their quilts in the annual Stitch and Chatter Quilt Show on Saturday, September 11th at the Community Center in Broadus from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You are invited to show your quilted articles in the show and to join them for a fun-filled day of quilt viewing, demonstrations, door prizes and refreshments. The quilts will

be hung at 1 p.m. on Friday. Please have the quilts there in time to be hung, you may also drop them off at the Extension Office. There are five categories for judging: Bed Quilts, Baby Quilts, Throws, Wall Hangings and Home Dec.

*****ATTENTION 4-H TEENS*****

Youth Leadership Opportunities

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) The Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation and (3) the Montana Youth Cabinet. The deadline to apply for any of the above positions is coming up fast...**September 1**. Contact the Extension Office for more information about each position and for an application form.

Requirements include:

- ♪ You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2009
- ♪ You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer
- ♪ You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years
- ♪ You must be willing to serve a 2-year term if a junior, a 1-year term if a senior this fall in high school
- ♪ You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings - both virtual and real time
- ♪ You must have the approval of your county agent

If you meet the above criteria and are interested in pursuing some exciting opportunities through 4-H, apply today!