

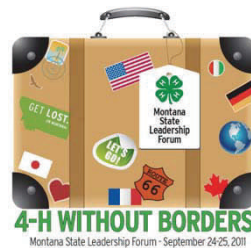


Elgin Lamb Project

Five youth exhibited Suffolk sheep at the Fair originating from the Elgin family. Carter and Lydia Lynch; Cory West, Maclain Cathey and Alyssa Riley all exhibited either ewe lambs or older ewes and lambs originating from the Elgin sponsors. They all received blue ribbons with Cory West exhibiting the Reserve Grand Champion Breeding ewe. Courtney Rooney's ewe and lamb won Grand Champion honors and originated from her flock.

Montana State 4-H Leadership Forum –“4-H Without Borders”-September 23-24th, Big Sky

The Montana 4-H Leadership Forum will be held at Bucks T-4 Lodge in beautiful Big Sky. The event will feature keynote speaker Lois Olmstead from Livingston who will have you rolling with laughter and leave you inspired. You'll also take part in the celebration to kickoff the Montana Centennial, learn about new project areas, attend interactive workshops and network with other 4-H leaders from across the state. More details are available at the Extension Office or by accessing the web site www.montana4h.org.



Calendar

September

- 3-4—Annual PRQHBA Futurity Show & Sale
- 7—Teen 4-H meeting, noon
- 12—Bug's Life Registration due
- 14—4-H Healthy Living Assessment, 5:30
- 26—Bug's Life Reading Program Begins Monday Afternoons for 5 weeks
- 28—"Writing Wild: The Adventures of Jack London" by MRT, 6:30 pm, Pastime Theatre
- 29-Oct. 1—Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival
- 30-Oct. 1—State 4-H Horse Show

October

- 2-8—National 4-H Week
- 3—Club reports of Member's Project Completion due to Office
- 3-8—HOMECOMING WEEK
- 5—National Youth Science Day
- 10—4-H Council Meeting, 5:00, Audit Books, 4:00
- 20-22—Fall Ambassador Training, Fairmont

FAIR NOTES: Fair Follow Up -

Thank you notes are necessary to ensure long-term donors and supporters. Thank the 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 were sent to you with a photo of your market animals. Hopefully, you've delivered 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

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livestock exhibitors received their checks in *record time, again* this year due to the efforts of 1st Bank staff and management's willingness to finance the sale. Your "thank you's" are important!

Powder River County 4-H Shines at Small Animal Event

Several Powder River County 4-hers traveled with their pets to the Small Animal Regional Judging event held in Miles City in July.



Amanda Gaskill received Grand Champion Cat over 1 year, Junior Cat Showmanship and Grand Champion Overall Cat. Lydia Lynch received Reserve Grand Champion Cat Over 1 Year and Reserve Junior Cat Showmanship. Julia Swenson received a red ribbon in Junior Dog Showmanship and in Dog Graduate Beginner. Payton Gotfredson received a blue ribbon in Junior Poultry Showmanship and in Female Chicken under 1. Congratulations Amanda, Lydia, Julia and Payton, for doing such a great job representing Powder River County!

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 were Lindsey and Alyssa Riley, Brooke and Brandi Billing, Andrea and Julia Swenson, Christen and Emily Johnson, Carter and Lydia Lynch, Katie, Sarah and Mary Lane, Karena Appleman, Ashley Bird, Payton and Jerrica Gotfredson, Miranda Minow, Sage Collins, Darcy Anderson, David Williams, Sarah Earley,

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 3rd**. 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 3rd 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 at 4:00 p.m. before the 4-H Council meeting on October 10th.

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:

Bug's Life Goes Around the World - September 26th thru October 24th

Youth volunteers are needed to read one-on-one with kids in Kindergarten through 4th grade. The program begins September 26th and runs each Monday through October 24th at several locations around the community. 4-H teens are in charge of teaching the workshops. Taylor Rumph, Craig and Cody Earley, Lane McGill, Carter Lynch and Eric Swenson will be teaching art, food and craft workshops and group experiences that will take us around the world. Deadline for registration to participate or to volunteer is September 12th. Contact the Extension Office to register.

"Writing Wild: The Adventures of Jack London" -Theater Presentation

Live theater comes to Broadus! The Montana Repertory Theatre's production of "Writing Wild: The Adventures of Jack London" promises to be an excellent performance! In the 50-minute one-man show, you'll hear stories of French Frank, the gritty oyster pirate; Broken-Backed Ben talking about Sailor Jack; and other tales of America's greatest storyteller. The performance will take place at 6:30 p.m., at Pastime Theatre, on Wednesday, September 28th. A Call of the Wild theater workshop will take place prior to

the performance at 3:45 p.m. at the Henry Malley Memorial Library. In this animal exploration workshop, find out how actors use "animal studies" to inform their character choices in both physical and vocal ways. Howl like a wolf? Slither like a snake! More fun than a barrel of monkeys. Call the Extension Office to register for the workshop.

State 4-H Horse Show - Miles City - September 30th - October 1st

The State 4-H Horse Show slated for September 30th through October 1st is practically at our doorstep in Miles City. Take advantage of this great opportunity and the time you've put into working with your horse to compete with others from across the state. The State 4-H Horse Show entry form was sent to horse members; for a full copy of the rules, go to www.montana4h.org/pub/files/2011SHSBook.pdf. Please pay close attention to tack requirements for each class...failure to do so will result in disqualification.

October 2-8 is National 4-H Week!

Celebrate National 4-H Week by telling your 4-H success story. The theme this year is "Join the Revolution of Responsibility" - 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!



October 5th is 4-H National Youth Science Day

4-Hers and community members can become

scientists for a day! Showcase your 4-H Science program and join thousands of youth from all round the nation to complete a single, innovative experiment. Learn more at www.4-H.org/NYSD.

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, 2011, 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 12th 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 29-30 and October 1st 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", and there is a junior and senior division.. Pick up information at the Office.

Teen 4-H --TIME TO MEET- September 7th!

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 7th. 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, Achievement Day and National 4-H Week.

2011 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.

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, 2011
- ♪ 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!