



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

December/January
2008/09

Greytak Calendars

The 2009 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 as a Montana farm boy, making his living as a rancher, a pilot, a designer-builder of horse and stock trailers, and a metal sculptor. Finally, for the last twenty years, the self-taught artist has worked as a full time pencil illustrator taking his inspiration from the richness of his Montana High Plains roots. He has the extraordinary ability to capture what is real and to find the spark of humor in down to earth situations.

Santa's Secret Shop-Holiday shopping for kids

Join in the holiday shopping fun at Santa's Secret Shop set for Wednesday, December 3rd, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., during the community's annual Christmas Stroll. Parents and leaders are asked to assist the teens during the selling hours. A sign up sheet is available at the office. Thank you for your support of this fun Teen 4-H fundraiser!



4-H Mini-Congress: "Keep it Green!"

Teens are again planning a fun and exciting event for this year's 4-H mini-congress, based on the theme "Keep it Green". Teens have a variety of workshops planned to create an action packed and fun holiday vacation. Youth in 5th through 7th grade will receive registration forms through school. The event, filled with fun, food, and games, will take place at the Powder River High School on Friday, January 2nd, from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. What a great way to spend part of Christmas vacation!

Calendar

December

- 1 Enrollment Forms Due
- 3 Santa's Secret Shop
4-7 pm, Courthouse
- 31 NASA INSPIRE
Applications due

January

- 2 4-H Mini-Congress,
High School
- 10 Special Olympic
Athletes' Scarves due
to Extension Office
- 12 4-H Council Meeting,
4:00 pm
- 20 Legislative Breakfast,
Helena
- 27 ReACT Against
Corporate Tobacco
Celebration on the Hill

February

- 1 People Partner Grants
Due
Deadline for 2009
Citizenship Washington
Focus (June 7-14)
Deadline for Montana
4-H Citizenship
Seminar (March 1-3)
- 15 Fairbook Dedication
Nomination & Theme
Due
- 27 "Courage to Climb"
Conference, Bozeman



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Fair Theme and Dedication Names Needed

It may seem early to be planning for the 2009 Fair, but it will be here before we know it. The Fair Board has asked for themes and names of people to whom the fairbook should be dedicated. There is a \$25 cash award to the club or person that comes up with the best theme. Both the theme and names of people should be submitted by February 15th, to the Extension office.

4-H Council Meeting Set

Come to the next 4-H Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 12th, at 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. It's an exciting time to be a part of this great youth organization, come help make it the best!

4-H Robotics Class Underway

Jerry Strobel is working with eight youth in the back room at the Extension Office, Mondays after school. Charlie Williams, Luke and Logan Mobley, Logan Pittman, Lane McGill, Garrett Harrington, Carter Lynch and Eric Swenson are creating robots and designing software programs to tell them what to do. It's fun to watch...stop in at the Extension Office and see all the fun learning taking place!



People Partner Grants Due February 1st

The People Partner grant program, sponsored by the Montana 4-H Foundation, offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in their communities. 4-H

members determine a need, write the grant application and implement the project. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by February 1. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded to Montana 4-H clubs. Projects funded in the past in Powder River County include sewing caps for cancer patients, building benches, and installing playground equipment. The grant is an excellent way to give back to the community.

Recruiting Key Leaders

Do you have certain expertise you'd like to share with youth? Are you interested in being the key leader for a project? We are again contacting people to be key leaders for project areas. If you have a particular interest in an area, and would like to work with youth or organize educational workshops, please contact us. We will sign you up today!

Enrollment Forms Due

Just a reminder to leaders that Enrollment Forms are due as soon as you can get them in.

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

This exciting event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn to experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. It is held in Helena with many activities taking place at the State Capitol Building. 4-H members 14 years of age by October 1, 2008, are eligible to attend. Each county can send two delegates and a chaperone. The registration fee is \$60 and the deadline is February 1st. Lodging expenses are in addition to the registration fee.

Achievement of Excellence Award

To be eligible for an Achievement of Excellence award, which is a \$10 cash award given at Achievement Day, 4-H members must have completed all records in each project in which they are enrolled AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COUNTY SPEECH AND DEMONSTRATION DAY, which means presenting a demonstration, speech, illustrated talk, creative work or reading cowboy poetry. They must also have participated in the following:

- Assisted with 4-H promotion.
- Led an educational workshop
- Assisted with a County Event
- Helped individual kids with their projects
- Participated in a community service activity
- Exhibited at the fair for each project in which you are enrolled.

SENIORS: (14 years as of October 1, 2008) - Must complete 5 out of 6.

INTERMEDIATE: (11 - 13 years)-Must complete 4 out of 6.

JUNIOR: (9 - 10 years)-Must complete 3 out of 6.

Keep Track of Community Service Hours

As you are keeping your 4-H records up-to-date each month, be sure to note the amount of time spent doing community service activities. This can be made in parentheses following the activity, i.e. "Picked up trash on the highway" (2). Why is this important? According to Senior members applying to colleges and for scholarships, the amount of time spent doing community service is vitally important. If you keep track of it in your

records as you go, whether you are 9 years old or 15; that information will be at your finger tips. Cool!

2009 Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is an educational trip to tour our nation's capitol. Delegates, 15 years and older by October 1, 2008, stay at the National 4-H Center and enjoy outstanding opportunities for sightseeing, as well as citizenship development. Past delegates have reported this as a highlight of their 4-H experience. The dates are set for June 7-14; the deadline to apply is February 1st. The cost is estimated at \$1,700.

SouthEastern Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program

Youth Mini Grant Program

Grants ranging from \$100 to \$300 are available to 4-H clubs and other youth groups interested in planning and participating in a tobacco prevention activity. The activity can be done in the school, community or in a public forum. Contact Darlynn or Jaci at Public Health to obtain a grant application.



ReACT against Corporate Tobacco -

Take a stand with ReACT and fellow Montana teens at the 2009 Celebration On the Hill event! The day will include new and exciting ReACT information, ReACT activities, and a celebration of successes over the past three years and a chance to meet with decision makers. Contact Darlynn Williams, Public Health Nurse, if you are a teen interested in attending.

"Courage to Climb" Conference in Bozeman

Young women in grades 8th through 12th, are encouraged to register for a conference designed to empower girls to embrace their future. Dr. Luanne Freer, Emergency Physician from Bozeman, will keynote the conference. Girls can select workshops in areas of culture, volunteerism, arts and environment at the 1-day event scheduled for Saturday, February 28th at MSU-Bozeman's Student Union Building. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Remember Scarfs for Special Olympic Athletes - Due at Extension Office on January 10th - Yarn available at Big Sky Quality Wool.

NASA Inspire Applications to Participate in Online Community - Due December 31st

INSPIRE is a multi-tiered year-round program for students in ninth to 12th grade, who are interested in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education and careers. NASA INSPIRE is recruiting high school students to join an online community, where their interests are nurtured and directed. From this online community, students will be offered opportunities to take trips to NASA, have a resident experience at a technology university or a summer internship at NASA center. For more information check out the website http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/postsecondary/programs/INSPIRE_Project.html

