



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

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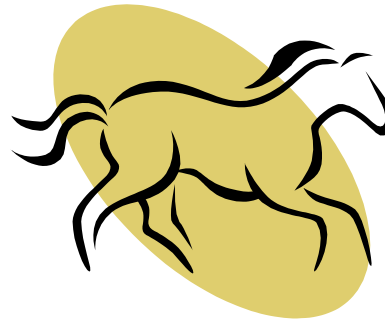
Calendar

The Fairbook is on-line!

Go to www.msuextension.org/powderriver for entry forms and exhibit information!

6th Annual Horse Clinic Set for July 17th *by Taylor Rumph*

All 4-H youth enrolled in the horse project are invited to attend the annual Horse Clinic scheduled for Saturday, July 17th. This year, our local "experts", the Riter Women, will facilitate the clinic. Both Valerie and Amanda have pursued equestrian classes and clubs while attending MSU. They have competed throughout the state. Liz has had multiple years of experience as a "mom" of daughters in the horse project...that speaks for itself. Together, they will be a dynamite team sharing their knowledge and skills with youth interested in improvement. This is certain to be a great experience, enjoyed by all!



Showmanship Clinic and Livestock Judging August 4th

The Liscomb Mountain 4-H club will host a showmanship clinic and a livestock judging on Wednesday, August 4th at 3:30 p.m. at Anderson's. Youth are encouraged to bring your livestock so you can practice your showing skills. It is also a good experience for your exhibits to be in a different environment and around other, non-familiar livestock. Sometimes, they act differently than at home!

July

- 6-9 4-H Congress, Bozeman
- 12 4-H Council Meeting, 5:00 pm
- 17 4-H Horse Clinic
- 19 FAIR ENTRIES DUE!
- 24 PRQHBA Annual Show, Broadus
- 28 4-H Regional Small Animal Day, Miles City

August

- 1 Gary Green Memorial Heifer Applications Due
- 4 Judging & Showmanship Clinic, 3:30 pm, Tracy & Becky Anderson's
- 10 Interview Judging

"Ribbons, Red-necks, & Rodeo!"
August 12-14
Powder River County Fair

- 20 Carcass Show, 4 pm

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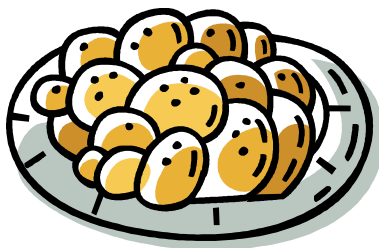
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Fashion Revue takes on a different spin with Cookie Bake Off

What an excellent idea to combine food and fashion...and the result was a wonderful summer time event

enjoyed by participants and supporters. The brain-child of volunteer leaders Krista Gotfredson



and Missy Billing, the cookie bake-off featured five accomplished bakers including Karena Appleman, Katie Lane, Jerrica and Peyton Gotfredson and Brandi Billing. Cookies and camping go together well; the delicious cookies were served at the fashion revue which was quite fun with the theme, "A Camping We Will Go". Five young ladies modeled their garments in front of a backdrop complete with tents, pine trees and fishing poles. The only thing missing was the campfire! Participants included Karena Appleman, Payton Gotfredson, Jolee Karls, Miranda Minow and Rebekah Ward. Judges for the event were Becky Anderson and Kira Jerke. Workshop presenters included Laura Lee Ullrich, Amy Minow and Brandi Billing. Brandi emceed the fashion show and Darcy Anderson and Emilie Shaw provided kitchen assistance and led games. Special thanks to Krista and Missy for organizing a fun and educational event! Hats off to our volunteer leaders.

Regional Small Animal Fair set for Miles City

A small animal fair for dogs, rabbits, poultry and cats is scheduled for 4-H members from Southeastern Montana enrolled in those

projects. The event takes place on July 28th, 2010, in Miles City in the Home Show Building at the Fairgrounds. Deadline for registering is July 14th. For more information or to register, contact the Powder River County Extension Office.

Interview Judging for 4-Hers

Who knows more about your exhibit than you do? NO ONE!! That's why Powder River County uses interview judging at the County Fair.

What is Interview Judging?

Interview judging is a chance for you to visit with the judge about your exhibit, your total project and your ribbon placing.

Why Interview Judging?

You know more about what you are exhibiting than anyone. This is your chance to share what you see as the good points of your exhibit as well as what could be improved. You will also learn why you received the ribbon you did.

Who will be your Interview Judge?

Your judge will be someone who knows 4-H and the project you are exhibiting. That person will also like young people, and will be eager to visit with you about what you have done. Try to think about your judge as an interested friend.

How can you prepare?

Think about the item you are bringing to exhibit. What are the steps you went through to complete it? How does it fit into your 4-H project. Have your leader, parents,

or friends ask you questions about your exhibit so you get used to talking about it.

What will you do?

You should arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled time to interview in case there has been a cancellation. Or, you may have to wait a few minutes. When your time arrives, walk up to the judge's table, sit down and smile. The judge will visit with you and ask you questions. Try to answer them as completely as you can. If you've had problems, share them with the judge and discuss possible solutions. As you're talking, look at the judge. A judge wants to hear you and know exactly what you're saying.

What questions might be asked?

A few possibilities are: Where did you get your supplies? How much did it cost? How did you make this item? What steps were involved? Where do you plan to use this item? What help have you received from others? What more did you do in the project? What would you like to do in this project area now? What was the most fun in doing this item? What were your problems?

What ribbon will you receive?

After talking to the judge, a decision will be made about your ribbon placing. If you don't agree or have further comments, share your ideas with the judge.

What happens after judging?

After receiving your ribbon, return your item to the display table. It will be viewed by many people, who come to see all the 4-H exhibits.

How long will interview judging take?

Your conversation with the judge will be very short. It will last from one minute for beginning exhibits to possibly five minutes for more advanced projects. It will go quickly so be certain to tell the judge as much as you can. Interview judging is FUN! It's a chance for you to share your ideas, to learn how to improve and see what others are exhibiting. Remember, **NO ONE** knows more than you do about your exhibit. Smile, relax and enjoy visiting with your judge.

4-H Fair Livestock Exhibit Notes

- Stalling requests are available on line at www.msuextension.org/powderriver. They are due **July 19th**.
- All 4-H livestock exhibits must be in possession of the family at least **30 days prior** to the fair.

Remember, **the carcass contest is optional**. If you enter your steer or hog in the Fair, and want to participate in the carcass contest, list it on your entry form. If you plan to enter a steer in the carcass contest, you must be Beef Quality Assurance certified.

Fair Entry Forms

Your Fair entry forms can either be picked up at the Extension office or accessed online **Fairbooks are now available on line. To access the information, go to www.msuextension.org/powderriver**. Be sure to get your entry form back to our office by July 19th! Please list each lot # individually when completing your entry form.

Gary Green Memorial Funds

The Gary Green family is again offering \$500 toward the purchase of a heifer calf of one's choice. The 4-H member must be 12 years of age and complete a simple application form available from the Extension Office. The form is due August 1st. The recipient will be announced at the Fair and the money awarded upon proof of purchase. The successful participant is required to keep in touch with the Greens on the heifer's progress and exhibit as a heifer and cow/calf pair at Fair.

Powder River Campers are "Animated" about 4-H Camp Needmore

"I liked the dances best!" stated Cory West, one of thirteen 4-H members from Powder River County who attended Camp Needmore at Ekalaka. Joining Cory for all the fun were Peyton and Jerrica Gotfredson, Jolee Karls, Sarah and Mary Lane, Lawson McGill, Maclain Cathey, Noah

Williams, Rebekah Ward, Makinna Higgins, Miranda Minow and Mariah Higgins. Chaperones included Renee Higgins, Shelley West and Julie Riley, agent.

Annual PRAIRIE Camp a summer highlight!

Fifty-three youth took advantage of the annual Powder River Arts Institute Resources In Excellence (PRAIRIE) Camp held June 21st-23rd designed and facilitated by local talented people. "The kids were just great!" commented one of the nineteen instructors who felt her role in PRAIRIE Camp was valued..."this program is successful because it offers a variety of classes and engages the kids in activities they are interested in." Workshop choices included, but weren't limited to paintball, dance, theater, yoga, leathercraft, choir, outdoor science, guitar jamming, basketball, trap drums and several art and music classes, to name a few. Youth were split into three age groups, K-3rd; 4th-6th; and 7th-12th.

