



JULY 2008

**Wibaux County  
Extension Office**

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Parents,

As I write this letter it is approximately four weeks until the Wibaux County Fair. It's hard to believe the summer has gone by so quickly.

In this newsletter you will find information on the 4-H Council meeting, date to turn in 4-H journals, shearing market lambs and showmanship clinic, State 4-H Leaders Forum, and more.

If you have questions on any of the information provided, or if we can be of help in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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**Mountains & Minds**

## **4-H Council Meeting Wednesday, July 30, 2008**

The next Wibaux County 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Courtroom.** Agenda items will include Livestock Committee Report, Fair updates, and more.

The 4-H Council consists of senior 4-H members, leaders, and parents. All are encouraged to attend.

A 4-H Food Booth Committee meeting will immediately follow the Council meeting.

### **2008 “Make It Yourself With Wool” Contest October 2008**

The 2008 “Make It Yourself With Wool” District 6 Contest will be held in Circle, MT in late October 2008. McCone, Prairie, Dawson, Wibaux, Garfield, and Richland Counties are included in this district.

The contest is open to entries in five categories: Preteen, 12 and under; Junior, 13-16; Senior, 17-24; Adult, 25 and up; and Made for Others. The garments must be constructed from wool fabric consisting of a minimum of 60% wool or it can be knitted, crocheted, or woven. A garment must have been completed after January 1, 2008. The junior, senior and adult winner will go on to compete in the state contest held in Billings on December 5-6, 2008.

Prizes are awarded to all contestants at the district level. Entry deadline is October 15, 2008. For more information, contact the District 6 Director, Darlene Moline, Box 96, Brockway, MT 59214, or phone 406-485-2276. Entry forms are available at the Wibaux County Extension Office.



## **Shear 4-H Market Lambs & Showmanship Clinic** **Thursday, August 14, 2008**

The date to shear 4-H market lambs has been scheduled for **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.**

***NOTE:*** The Livestock Committee has decided to slick shear the market lambs this year. Misty Steeke of Rhame, ND will help with the shearing. Four-H members with market lambs are asked to wash their lambs three times before the shearing. One of those times should be the morning of the shearing. Lambs should be washed with Dawn® dishwashing soap. The entire animal is to be washed, including their belly. Four-H members with clippers are asked to bring them.

The Showmanship Clinic will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Classes will include beef, sheep, swine, and horse. Any 4-H member with a livestock project who would like to bring their project animal is encouraged to do so. We hope all interested persons will be able to attend.

***ATTENTION:*** *The Showmanship Clinic is a county-wide event.* All 4-H members must participate in a 4-H county-wide or out-of-county event in order to exhibit at the fair. Please see enclosed list of those 4-H members in need of a county-wide event.

### **Record Books Due** **August 8, 2008**

Four-H member journals and project manuals; Youth Livestock Commitment to Excellence forms; Wholesome Assurance Statements; and Permission, Release and Assumption of Risk for Participation in Wibaux County 4-H Livestock Program forms are **DUE** in the Extension Office by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. In order to exhibit at the Fair, 4-H journals must be complete up to the date they are turned in.

### **4-H Entry Blanks Due** **August 15, 2008**

Four-H entry blanks are due in the Extension Office by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**. In order to exhibit at the Fair, you must have your entry blank completed and turned into the Extension Office by this date. **For those of you who do not have an animal project, you will need to indicate which exhibit you would like to have interview judged.**

Just a reminder to livestock kids to be sure to enter yourself in showmanship, carcass, and the open class division as well as the 4-H division.

## **4-H Livestock Manual Requirements**

### **Revised 12/04**

As approved by the 4-H Livestock Committee, 4-H members with livestock projects need to complete the following:

**Level 1:** Members need to complete 7 activities each year for a total of 21 activities over a 3-year period. After 3 years in Level 1, members must move to Level 2.

**Level 2:** Members need to complete 4 activities the first year, 4 activities the second year, and 2 activities the third year. After 3 years in Level 2, members must move to Level 3.

**Level 3:** Members need to complete 3 activities the first year, 3 activities the second year, and 3 activities the third year. After 3 years in Level 3, members must move to Independent Study.

### **State 4-H Leader's Forum**

#### **September 26-27, 2008**

#### **Great Falls, MT**

The State 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Great Falls September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. With over 30 workshops to choose from, plus an outstanding keynote speaker and entertainment, this is an excellent opportunity to participate in a fun, educational, and motivational weekend.

Monsanto and the National 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for first-time attendees. The registration fee is \$65 until September 2<sup>nd</sup>, and \$70 after that. No registrations will be accepted after September 16<sup>th</sup>. The 4-H Council does provide financial assistance for those attending. Four-H leaders, parents, or prospective leaders are certainly encouraged to attend. Registration forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office.

### **State 4-H Shooting Sports Training Planned for Baker**

#### **September 5-6, 2008**

Baker, MT will be the site of the next State 4-H Shooting Sports Training on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. All disciplines will be offered which includes Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle Loading, Hunting, Cowboy Action Shooting, and Coordinator.

The cost of registration is \$50 for adults, and \$25 for teen leaders (who may assist an adult leader). The deadline to register is August 29<sup>th</sup> and the registration form may be found online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Lunch on Saturday is included in the registration, but participants will be responsible for their own lodging arrangements. Area motels include the Sagebrush Inn at (406) 778-3341, Roy's

Motel at (406) 778-3321, and the Montana Motel at (406) 778-3315. Please contact Todd Kesner at [tkesner@montana.edu](mailto:tkesner@montana.edu) with questions or concerns.

The Wibaux County 4-H Council will help cover expenses for those attending.

## Urgently Seeking Placement!



The 4-H Center for Youth Development is urgently seeking year-long placement for either of these two FLEX delegates. They may be placed anywhere in the United States where there is an existing 4-H Exchange program. The SLEP scores refer to their English language ability - 45 is about average

### **Ukraine Male 15** Arriving AUGUST 22nd!!!

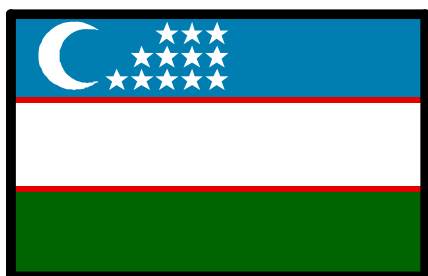
Seeking placement for a Ukrainian boy who loves tennis, swimming, basketball and skateboarding. He excels at English and Mathematics in school. In his free time in addition to playing soccer, ice-skating, roller-blading and skiing he enjoys working on cars and auto mechanics. This active boy also enjoys indoor activities such as working on the computer, watching movies and playing video games! **SLEP 52**



### **Uzbekistan Female 17** Arriving AUGUST 14th!!!

Seeking placement for a girl from Uzbekistan who loves music and is actively involved in volleyball. She has been attending music school for the last 4 years in addition to studying English. In her free time she volunteers at a local kindergarten, enjoys movies and theater and likes to sew and knit. Two years ago she moved from the town in which she was raised to a very small town where she didn't know anyone. At first she had a hard time meeting new people as everyone seemed to know one another but soon she adjusted and began to help her English teacher teach her classmates English. She now loves her classmates and community. She can't wait to meet her new American community and meet more wonderful people. **SLEP 43**

For more information contact Stephanie Davison, International Programs Coordinator, at (406) 994-3502, [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu).



## Hunting, Shooting, or Outdoor Activities Video Essay Contest Announced



Daisy Airguns and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation are sponsoring a video essay contest where youth, ages 10-18, are asked to submit a 60- 90 second essay demonstrating how safe, ethical hunting and shooting, spending time in the outdoors, or conserving and appreciating wildlife and nature has positively impacted their lives. These videos will be posted online for the world – and contest judges – to see.

Contest winners will receive prizes from the Elk Foundation, Daisy and Cabela's.

One grand-prize winner and one parent or adult guardian will receive airfare, lodging and registration to one of the great annual events for hunters and conservationists, the Elk Foundation's Elk Camp & Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Expo, March 5-8, 2009, in Fort Worth, Texas. The grand-prize winner also will receive a Daisy Red Ryder and Cabela's gift certificate worth \$500.

Four additional prizes will be awarded for Best Use of Graphics, Best Audio, Most Awesome Outdoor Scenery and Best Use of Animation. Winners in each of these categories will receive a Daisy Red Ryder and Cabela's gift certificate worth \$200.

Visit [www.daisy.com](http://www.daisy.com) for a portal to complete entry rules, prize descriptions and uploading info. The Web site MyHuntingRoom.com will host submitted videos.

The Daisy-Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation "Take Aim At Safety" Video Essay Contest begins May 5, 2008, and ends Jan. 1, 2009. Winners will be selected Jan. 15, 2009.

Accepted video formats: WMV, FLV, 3GP and MOV. Additionally, videos can be uploaded to YouTube and embedded. All videos will be reviewed prior to going live on MyHuntingRoom.com and must follow posted Terms and Conditions, including granting to contest sponsors the rights to use videos in future promotions. If under the age of 13, parent verification is required by law.

