



## March 2011

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

Just a short newsletter to keep you informed of some upcoming activities and events.

In this newsletter you will find information on 4-H Activity Day, 4-H Camp, 4-H Oreo Trip, the ambassador program, and more.

Again, if you have stories or photographs we can use to promote the Montana 4-H Centennial, please let us know.

Sincerely,

David L. Bertelsen  
County Extension Agent

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### **4-H ACTIVITY DAY** **Monday, April 25, 2011**

The Wibaux County 4-H Activity Day has been scheduled for **Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Wibaux County High School. This year's activities will include: demonstrations, public speaking, illustrated talks, snacks and awards. *Registration will be from 12:30-1:00 p.m.*

Cash prizes will be awarded by the 4-H Council to winners in the Junior and Senior division demonstrations and illustrated talks: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$15, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10. A prize will also be given for the best

demonstration and illustrated talk from a first-year member. Farm Credit Services of Sidney will present checks to the winners in the Junior and Senior public speaking divisions as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$25, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$15, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$10.

The publications “4-H Public Speaking” and “Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks” will be used by the judges to determine the division winners and are available at the Extension Office. Four-H members are encouraged to use these publications in preparing their demonstrations and talks.

Following the demonstrations and illustrated talks, Wii games will be available to play. *This is a county-wide event and those attending will fulfill their requirement to attend at least one county-wide event during the 4-H year.*



### REGISTRATION

#### Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

To be effective, an oral presentation must be concise and flow smoothly. Time guidelines help to establish this effectiveness. Demonstrations and illustrated talks generally are not timed and there are no point deductions assessed for being under or over time. However, it will be helpful to follow these recommended time guidelines:

8-10 years old	3-5 minutes
11-13 years old	5-7 minutes
14 and older	7-20 minutes

#### Public Speaking

The public speaking contest is a timed event and a penalty will be assessed if your speech is too short or too long.

8-10 years old	3-5 minutes
11-13 years old	5-7 minutes
14 and older (by Oct. 1)	5-7 minutes

Speech contestants in the Senior Division will also be asked to give a 1½ to 3 minute impromptu speech. Senior Division members receiving a blue ribbon on their speech, demonstration or illustrated talk will be eligible to compete at 4-H Congress in Bozeman July 12-15, 2011.

**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY  
April 18, 2011**

#### Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Jr.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Jr.

#### Public Speaking

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Jr.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Sr. Jr.

### 2011 OREO TRIP June 7-8, 2011

The 2011 Oreo Trip will be held June 7-8, 2011. The trip will start in Miles City, then travel to Cody, Wyoming. While in Cody, they will stay at the AmericInn. Stops will include Buffalo

Bill Historical Center, fun shops, Old Trail Town, Cody's Wild West Shootout, and attend the Cody Night Rodeo. On Wednesday, travel from Cody to Billings and then to Miles City. Stops will include Heart Mountain Internment Camp and Billings Water Slides.

Those eligible to attend are 4-H members currently in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$95.00 which includes motel, museum, rodeo, water slides, and meals. Registrations are due in the Custer County Extension Office by *April 20<sup>th</sup>*. Registration forms and additional information are available at the Wibaux County Extension Office.

Chaperones are needed. Each county must have their own chaperone.

### **4-H CAMP NEEDMORE** **June 13-16, 2011**

4-H Camp offers all members in the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade the opportunity to participate in an out-of-county activity where they will learn new skills, meet new friends, and have fun!!! The theme for this year's camp is, "**Meet the Flintstones**". Special activities at this year's camp will include repelling, shooting sports, crafts, dance, museum, campfires, woodworking, and more. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Registrations are due in the Extension Office by *May 6<sup>th</sup>*.



Adult chaperones are always needed at camp. If you enjoy camping and working with youth, please consider volunteering. Applications are due *May 6<sup>th</sup>*.

### **4-H AMBASSADORS**

A 4-H Ambassador is an authorized representative H program. A 4-H self-motivated,



official envoy, an of the Montana 4-Ambassador is a enthusiastic leader

who promotes 4-H using the skill, knowledge and leadership abilities acquired in 4-H with fellow members, area residents, community leaders, elected officials and non-4-H youth. A 4-H Ambassador serves to strengthen the 4-H program through public relations.

An Ambassador is chosen to represent their county for a period of two years. The first year they are recognized as the Junior Ambassador and the second year as the Senior Ambassador. Ambassadors receive training at Fairmont Hot Springs and 4-H Congress.

4-H members who were 14 or older as of October 1, 2010 are eligible to become a Teen Ambassador. There are some great educational opportunities available to Teen Ambassadors. Application forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office. Forms need to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by *Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>*. All interested 4-H members are encouraged to apply.

**Current Senior Ambassador: Teri Rogers**  
**Current Junior Ambassador: Kaitlyn Goroski**  
**Key Leader: Sandra Devine**

## **TAYLOR 4-H ENDOWMENT CHALLENGE 2010-2011** **MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION, INC.**

A great opportunity has been presented to the Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc. To help secure statewide support of Montana 4-H programs for the future! The Ruth & Vernon Taylor Foundation - MT will match, dollar-for-dollar that which Montana 4-H raises up to \$100,000; this is a \$200,000 potential! All dollars (and cents!) raised will go into the Foundation's unrestricted endowment account. The Foundation Board of Directors are working on securing major gifts and grants for this match, but they also would like to challenge counties and clubs to participate in the "Change for the Challenge" campaign.

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### **A CHALLENGE TO ALL MONTANA 4-H CLUBS!!**

Dear 4-H Members:

I am a member of the Old Agency 4-H Club in Choteau, Montana. At our February meeting, we voted to donate



\$100 to the Taylor Endowment Challenge. Because the Taylor family is matching donations, our \$100 donation becomes a \$200 donation to the 4-H Foundation.

We are all so fortunate to be a part of 4-H in Montana. The benefits of the educational opportunities, community involvement, working and learning together through all the programs and events provided through 4-H should not be taken for granted. Of course there are costs associated with any program and we need to step up and make sure to support these programs financially. Because of the generosity of the Taylor family, we have this chance to have our donations DOUBLED!

Old Agency 4-H Club challenges YOU to meet our donation of \$100 to the 4-H Foundation. If every club in Montana were to match our donation, we would be sure to hit the maximum dollar match so generously provided by the Taylor Endowment Challenge.

Please discuss our challenge at your next club meeting and vote to support this fund-raising effort. It's not often that we have a chance to double our financial contributions through a matching funds donation. Please don't ignore this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Lexie Sullivan

Lexie Sullivan, Vice President  
Old Agency 4-H Club  
Choteau, Montana



**PROJECT  
DATE**

**DROP/ADD**

**May 2, 2011**

For those 4-H members interested in dropping or adding a project, the final date to do so is *May 2<sup>nd</sup>*.



**4-H COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, May 3, 2011**

The next Wibaux County 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.* Please mark the date on your calendar.

**4-H CLUB LAMB & PIG SALES**

At the Extension Office we have received notice of several club Lamb & Pig Sales during the month of April. If you would like information on any of these sales, please contact the Extension Office.



**I PLEDGE**  
my **HEAD**  
to clearer thinking.  
my **HEART**  
to greater loyalty.  
my **HANDS**  
to larger service, and  
my **HEALTH**  
to better living, for  
my club, my community,  
my country,  
and my world.