

DECEMBER 2008

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

As we come to the end of another year, the holiday season offers us a special opportunity to extend our personal thanks to you and your family for all that you do for the 4-H program. We also want to welcome all new members, leaders, and parents. We hope the 2009 4-H year will be a rewarding experience for all. Four-H is **your** organization. Four-H members learn leadership by conducting their own meetings and 4-H members and leaders determine the direction of the county 4-H program by attending 4-H Council meetings. There are many opportunities for 4-H members and leaders to gain new skills at project workshops, meetings, camps, and trips. I encourage everyone to take advantage of all that they can. We use the 4-H newsletter to keep you informed of upcoming activities and events at the county and state level. We encourage everyone to read the newsletter. If at any time you have questions or would like additional information on any material presented in the newsletter, please let us know.

A belated congratulations goes out to Lauren LaBar for being selected to receive a \$500 Wibaux County 4-H Memorial Scholarship. A former 10-year 4-H member, Lauren is currently a freshman at Miles Community College.

A special thanks goes out to the recently elected and appointed Executive Committee. Their willingness to serve is deeply appreciated. President-Lonnie Bacon, Vice President-Sandra Devine, Secretary-Julie Pinnow, Treasurer-Brent Nelson, Teen Ambassador Representatives- LesLee Rogers and Abigail Miske. Please remember to thank the Executive Committee for all that they do.

The Wibaux County 4-H program functions primarily through a committee system. In Wibaux County there are 13 different 4-H Council Committees. The 4-H Council Executive Committee tries to include every family on at least one committee. Enclosed in this newsletter is a list of the 2009 4-H Council Committees and their members. It is everyone's willingness to serve and support the committee system that allows the 4-H program to be successful. All of your support is deeply appreciated.

In this newsletter you will also find information on the date to weigh and tag 4-H market steers, 4-H Council Meeting, Western Regional Leaders Forum, Legislative Breakfast, International Programs, Livestock Judging Events, Citizenship Seminars, and more.

From the Wibaux County Extension Office, Patti and I do wish you and your family a very Joyous Holiday Season.

Sincerely,
David L. Bertelsen
County Extension Agent

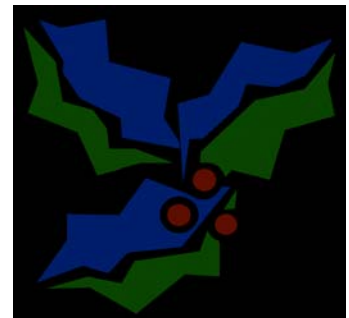
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Weighing & Tagging 4-H Market Steers & Heifers

The 4-H Livestock Committee will weigh and tag 4-H market steers and heifers on **Tuesday, December 30th, at 1:00 p.m. at Begger's Diamond V Ranch.** Four-H or FFA members wishing to exhibit a market steer or heifer at the fair must have it tagged. Each member may also tag an alternate animal. The alternate animal must be designated at weigh-in.

All NEW breeding animals must be brought to the weigh-in. If the breeding project is a continuation from last year, it does not need to be at the weigh-in, but the ear tag number does need to be turned into the Extension Office.

If a member is unable to attend the scheduled weigh-in, they need to contact the Extension Office to make other arrangements. Four-H members who cannot make the original weigh-in date are given an additional 30 days to get their animals tagged. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Member & Leader Dues

Four-H members and leaders are asked to pay their dues by January 15, 2009. Member dues are \$4.00 + \$1.00 for insurance, and leader dues are \$5.00 + \$1.00 for insurance. The insurance for members in the horse project and horse leaders is \$2.00. **Leader dues need to be sent to the State 4-H Council by January 15, 2009.**

MonDak Ag Days Livestock Judging Contest

The Ag Days Livestock Judging Contest will be held in Sidney on **Saturday, January 10th.** Registration will take place from 7:00-8:30 a.m. The livestock judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. The contest will run through noon and include 6 to 8 classes of livestock and 3 sets of reasons to be given at the end of the contest. An awards ceremony will be held at 2:00 p.m. There are both junior and senior divisions. This is an excellent contest for younger members.

This contest is open to all 4-H members and adults who would like to participate. If interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office by December 31st.

KMON Crops & Livestock Judging Contest

The KMON Crops and Livestock Judging Contest will be held **January 17th** in Great Falls. If there is interest, a four member team representing Wibaux County will attend. The 4-H Council will cover the expenses of those attending. If interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office by December 31st.



4-H Legislative Breakfast January 20, 2009

The Montanans for 4-H Committee is encouraging all interested 4-H members, leaders, and parents to attend the 4-H Legislative Breakfast Program in Helena on January 20th.

The preparation dinner will be held at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena on the evening of January 19, 2009, as well as the breakfast on the morning of the 20th.

All members, leaders, and parents are invited to attend this event and provide valuable information to the state legislators about the positive impact 4-H has on the lives of youth. Youth are very important participants in this breakfast, as are their leaders and parents. Each youth who comes to the breakfast will have the opportunity to tell about his/her 4-H experience. Every effort will be made to seat legislators at the same tables as people from his/her district.

If interested, please contact the Extension Office. Registrations are due *January 12th*.

4-H Council Meeting February 9, 2009

The next Wibaux County 4-H Council meeting has been scheduled for **Monday, February 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wibaux County Courtroom.** Please mark the date on your calendar. Because of the information covered, it is important to have all clubs represented.

Citizenship Washington Focus June 7-14, 2009

From Sunday, June 7, 2009 through Saturday, June 14, 2009, Montana delegates will attend workshops, committees, field trips and social events, giving them hands-on opportunities to learn and grow. The program is aimed at enriching young people's lives by broadening their appreciation and respect for themselves and others in the world. Participants learn and practice skills that will make them better citizens and more successful individuals. Many past delegates report this as the highlight of their 4-H experience.

The estimated cost per person is \$1,700.00. Registrations are due by *February 1st*. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will help off-set expenses. A deposit of \$650.00 payable to the Montana 4-H Foundation is due with the registration.

Delegates must be 4-H members 15 years or older by October 1, 2008. Chaperones are also

needed. Please contact the Extension Office if interested.

Scholarship Available: The Susan Kay Dufner Memorial Scholarship awards \$750.00 to one delegate to attend Citizenship Washington Focus. The application and three letters of reference are due February 1, 2009 with the CWF application. Applicants must be 17 years or older by October 1, 2008.

**Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar
March 1-3, 2009
Helena, Montana**

The 2009 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for **March 1-3, 2009 in Helena**. This CIA (citizenship-in-action) event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

The event will begin on March 1st at 1:00 p.m. and end on March 3rd at 8:30 p.m. Delegates are encouraged to stay over the last night and return home on Wednesday morning.

Four-H members must be 14 years of age by October 1, 2008 who have not previously attended any Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar. It is recommended that participants are older youth who have had education and experience in various components of citizenship. Each county will be allotted two delegates if registered by the February 1st deadline. After February 1st, registration will be open to alternates on a first-come, first-serve basis. Past experience shows alternates have been able to attend. Adult chaperones are also needed.

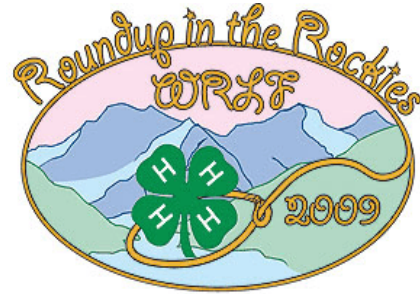
There is a \$60 registration fee for each adult and youth to offset program costs, as well as delegate and guest meals. The 4-H Council does help offset expenses for those attending. This is an excellent experience for anyone interested in State government.

information and available at the Applications 1st.



Additional application forms are Extension Office. are due by *February*

Western Regional 4-H Leader's Forum 2009
February 25 - March 1, 2009
Denver, Colorado



Join 400 volunteers from the 13 western states, Canada, and the U.S. territories in the South Pacific at this great event. Don't miss the most energizing and educational forum for 4-H volunteers this side of the Rockies! Don't get left out of this roundup of hands-on experience sharing ideas, developing friendships, motivational speakers, and workshops to address your interests and challenges.

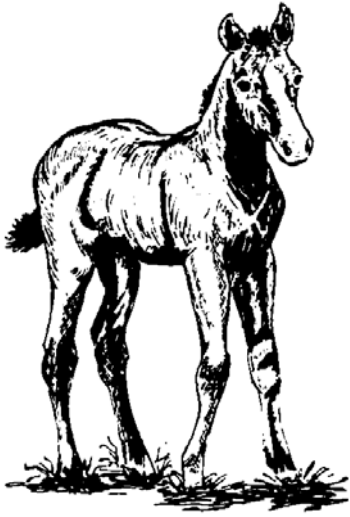
Registration is \$250.00 and accommodations are at the Denver Marriott City Center. Information regarding registration, hotel, schedule, tours, and workshops is located at the official website: <http://colorado4h.org/wrlf09/>. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will help off-set expenses for those attending. Please contact the Extension Office if interested in attending. Western Regional Leader's Forums are a tremendous experience for anyone who can attend.

International Programs

If you're in 4-H and have always wanted to travel abroad, you can apply to go to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, or Japan in the summer of 2009. You'll travel with 4-Hers from around the country, accompanied by at least one chaperone, and stay with a host family during the exchange. In addition, you'll get to see some of the sights in the major cities like Sydney, Helsinki, and Tokyo. In Costa Rica, you'll visit a rainforest. When you return to Montana, you'll get to continue the exchange by making small presentations to your schools, 4-H clubs, or other community organizations that want to hear about your cool adventure. Age ranges from 14-19 depending on the country selected.

Four-H volunteers over the age of 25 can apply to chaperone one of the trips listed above. The applications are reviewed on the national level and preference is given to those who have significant experience chaperoning youth and to those with previous International travel experience (not required).

IFYE's: Former 4-H members can travel for up to six months on the IFYE program. Choose the country(s) of your choice and the 4-H Center will work with you and the destination country to put together an exciting exchange. IFYE's can expect to help their host families work on their farms and ranches.



The application deadline for all of the programs listed above is *January 15, 2009*. Applications are available online at www.montana4h.org or by contacting Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502 or sdavidson@montana.edu. If interested, please contact the Extension Office. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will help off-set expenses.

4-H Colts Offered to Caring 4-H Members

Dawson County has a rancher who would like to offer a quarter horse colt to 4-H members in surrounding counties who are interested in the colt to maturity project. The colts are out of papered parents, but they are not papered. The rancher asks that the colts go to caring 4-H members who will provide the proper feed, shelter, and maintenance for the colt. If interested, please contact the

Extension Office.

2009 Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

March 20-22, 2009

Forsyth, Montana

With the theme of “Take the Green Challenge”, (the green refers to both 4-H and the environment) District 8 is requesting workshop proposals for the 2009 4-H Rec Lab. If you have a workshop you would like to present, proposals are due by *January 2nd*. Workshop proposal forms are available at the Extension Office. The age of Rec Lab participants is 13-19 years old.

