

**FEBRUARY 2009**

**Wibaux County  
Extension Office**

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

Congratulations goes out to Zack Miske for placing 18<sup>th</sup> in the 2008 Montana Swine Symbol of Excellence Contest. Zack's 4-H market hog placed 18<sup>th</sup> out of 184 entries in the Heavy Weight Division.

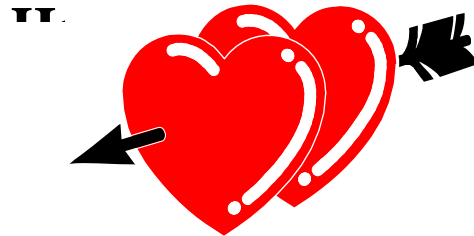
In this newsletter you will find information on the State 4-H Rec Lab, Livestock and Horse Leader's Forum, 4-H Council Meeting date, tax filing reminder, livestock judging contest, camp counselor applications, and more.

If you have questions on these or other 4-H items, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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**Mountains & Minds**

## Tax Filing Due February 15<sup>th</sup>

Just as a reminder, all 4-H groups with EIN numbers must file either the 990 long form or E-Postcard for the 2008 tax year. Those earning \$25,000 or less file the 990-N E-Postcard. The filing date for all Montana 4-H Clubs is February 15<sup>th</sup>.

You can do this by going to the following Web site: <http://epostcard.form990.org>. From this site go to Technical Support and then Quick Start. It will take you to simple-to-follow instructions. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

## 4-H Council Meeting Tuesday, February 17, 2009

The next Wibaux County 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. in the Wibaux County Courtroom**. Four-H leaders, parents, and senior 4-H members are all 4-H Council members, and are encouraged to attend.

## 2009 4-H Rec Lab March 20-22, 2009

With the theme of “Take the Green Challenge”, (the green refers to both 4-H and the environment) District 8 is hosting the 2009 4-H Rec Lab in Forsyth **March 20-22**. All 4-H members 13 and older as of October 1, 2008 are eligible to attend. Chaperones are also needed.

Wally Badget, cartoonist and humorist from Miles City, will keep the participants in stitches during an active, engaging presentation. Twenty different workshops are being offered over the course of five sessions ranging from paintball and art to video production and a treasure hunt! Rec Lab provides youth an opportunity to meet other youth from across the state, develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events or at other unexpected moments.

The registration fee is \$50.00 which includes lodging and meals. T-shirts and canvas tote bags with the Rec Lab logo are also for sale. The t-shirts are \$12 and the tote bags are \$9. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for those interested in attending. This is a great experience for any 4-H member or leader who can attend. Registration forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office. The deadline for registration is *February 23, 2009*.



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## **2009 4-H Horse & Livestock Leader's Forum February 27-March 1**

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum is an opportunity for 4-H leaders and teens to further their skills in working with youth in the Horse and Livestock Projects. Workshops and demonstrations are offered throughout the event and time is allowed to share ideas from county to county. Workshops may be taught by university researchers, Extension Agents, industry professionals, 4-H leaders, or 4-H teens. The Forum is held every other year to run opposite the Alberta, Canada 4-H Horse Leader's Forum and may be hosted by any county or group of counties in Montana.

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum will be held **February 27-March 1, 2009** at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. The registration fee will be \$100 for earlybirds and \$125 after February 20<sup>th</sup>. This fee includes Friday night dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner; and Sunday breakfast. A block of rooms have been set aside at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center for \$70 per night. You can reserve your room by calling 1-800-537-7286.

This is the link to the registration page:

<http://msuextension.org/HLLForum2009/Registrationadd.asp>.

The Carbon County Committee has planned a very clever skill-a-thon for all participants on Saturday. This will not only test your knowledge, but will also display how to conduct a skill-a-thon in your county. Attendees can select their teammates at the Forum.

The 4-H Council does help cover expenses for those attending. Please contact the Extension Office if interested.



## **4-H Camp Needmore Teen Counselor Applications DUE March 10, 2009**

Four-H Camp is an excellent opportunity for older 4-H members to develop leadership skills. To apply, 4-H members must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2008, and must have completed their freshman year in high school. Application forms are available at

the Extension Office. The dates for the 2009 4-H Camp are June 8-11. Teen Counselor Camp Applications are due to the Wibaux County Extension Office by **March 10, 2009**. A pre-camp training session has tentatively been scheduled for **April 26<sup>th</sup> in Miles City**.



**2009 WIBAUX COUNTY 4-H  
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES  
\$500.00 SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Application with attachments DUE April 15, 2009.
2. The applicant must be a current member of Wibaux County 4-H and/or FFA for a combined number of seven (7) years. Each year the applicant must be active in his/her respective organization and exhibit at least one project per year/per organization at the Wibaux County Fair.
3. The applicant must be a graduating High School Senior that has been active in either 4-H or FFA their Senior year.
4. Award winners will be recognized at a Graduation School Awards Ceremony and at the Wibaux County Fair.
5. Successful applicants will receive the amount of \$500.00 to be used for higher education. The money will be sent to the institution of higher learning after attendance is verified.

Application forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office.

## Design the Official 2009 State 4-H Horse Show Book Cover

### Logo Design Contest:

Four-H members can show off their creative and artistic skills by entering a logo design contest. The 2009 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year's show. Entries are due **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, and the winner's artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule books, t-shirts, and promotional material for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office.

Attention 4-H Exhibitors

**4-H District 8 Livestock Judging Contest**  
**Redland Memorial Livestock Judging**  
**March 14, 2009**

The Redland Memorial Livestock Judging Contest will be held **March 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Redland Sale Barn in Hysham, Montana. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. There will be a workshop on the basics of livestock judging beginning at 9:30 a.m.

This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members to improve their judging skills and participate in a contest. There is no limit on the number of junior or senior teams per county. The 4-H Council will cover the registration fee for those attending, which includes lunch. Pre-registrations are due by *March 5, 2009*. Any 4-H members, leaders or parents interested in attending are asked to contact the Extension Office.

**Host Families Needed for Youth & Young Adults from Abroad**

Host homes are needed for youth and young adults from abroad who come to Montana as part of Montana State University Extension 4-H programs.

While family settings are needed for the 4-H aged youth visitors, any adult can host the young adults visiting as part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange or "IFYE" program, said Stephanie Davison, director of the international programs at MSU's 4-H Center for Youth Development. The young adult visitors come from farming backgrounds in their home countries, and often look forward to the experience of providing a helping hand on Montana farms and ranches.

"Our 4-H aged visitors are between the ages of 12 and 18," Davison said. "For that group, we need host families who have a child within two years of the age and the same gender as the visitor."

Visitors this year are confirmed from Japan, Scotland and Ireland, and others may be arriving from Switzerland, Costa Rica, Finland and Austria. They typically arrive during the summer months and stay 4 weeks in the case of the 4-H youth exchange and several months for the IFYE program.

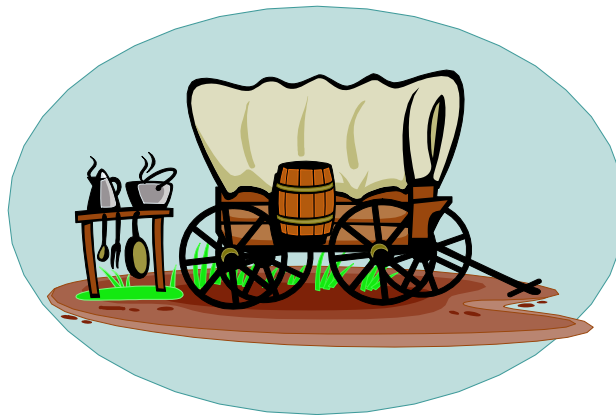
The visits are an opportunity for Montanans to learn about other cultures, and in some cases lifelong friendships have been formed with later opportunities for reciprocal visits.

Ralen Dupuis from Polson, whose family has hosted three times, says being with his host brother, Yutaro Shindo of Japan, made for "the best time of my life."

To find out more about hosting a foreign delegate, contact Davison at (406) 994-3502 or e-mail her at [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu). **The deadline for ALL summer Inbound programs is March 15, 2009.**

## **Youth History Camp at Virginia City, MT August 2-8, 2009**

The Montana Heritage Commission, a partner in the Montana 4-H Western Heritage Project, is inviting young people ages 11 to 15 to experience Alder Gulch at their hands-on History Camp scheduled for August 2-8, 2009. Workshops will include outdoor cooking on an open fire, basket weaving, campfire stories, blacksmithing skills, gold prospecting, life on the frontier, daily living skills, tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City, and much, much more! History campers will also have the chance to ride the train through historic Alder Gulch, attend a play by the Illustrious Virginia City Players, and experience Virginia City first hand. The cost is \$400 and enrollment is limited to 20. Tuition includes five nights lodging at the Bonanza Inn in Virginia City, meals, a performance at the House, a train ticket, and all activities, supplies and instruction. For more detailed information, call (406) 843-5247 or visit [www.virginiacitymt.com](http://www.virginiacitymt.com).



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The Junior Leaders 4-H Club is selling carnations for Valentine's Day. Carnations will be delivered on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. To order, contact any 4-H Junior Leader Member:



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Abigail Miske  
Dalton Miske  
Olivia Miske  
Jaycee Peltzer