



**Wibaux County
Extension Office**

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Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

Next year, 2012, is the Centennial Anniversary for organized 4-H in Montana. The State 4-H Center is asking for a display depicting 4-H in each county, as well as stories for a 4-H Centennial book. Any help all of you can give us will be deeply appreciated.

In this newsletter you will find information on the 4-H Centennial, Horsemanship School, State 4-H Awards, IFYE Program, 4-H Council meeting date, livestock judging, and more.

Thanks for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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4-H Centennial Display

As part of the 4-H Centennial celebration, each county in Montana is being asked to create a display depicting 4-H in their county. The 3-foot by 4-foot tri-fold displays will be used to depict the history and impact of 4-H in each county. The displays will be exhibited in the Montana State Capital Rotunda on April 19th, State Leader's Forum 2011 and 2012, and State 4-H Congress.

All 4-H clubs are asked to submit pictures of club or county activities and events to the Extension Office by **March 15th**. Everyone's help with this project will be deeply appreciated.

4-H Centennial Book

Montana 4-H will be celebrating 100 years of 4-H in the year 2012. This seems a long way off, but committees are working on the celebration now. One of the projects is to put together a history book of Montana 4-H. This book will be a "coffee table" book that will depict the 100 years of Montana 4-H. It will describe the influence of the 4-H program on Montana people and their way of life, as well as describe the fundamentals of the 4-H program. When completed, it will be used to promote 4-H and its positive influence on youth, families, and communities, as well as be a great history of the program.

The Centennial Planning Committee is looking for 4-H family stories to go into this book. The deadline for Wibaux County is March 15, 2011. You may submit your story in written form to the Wibaux County Extension Office or by email to wibcoext@midrivers.com.

Wibaux County 4-H will be doing their own 100-year celebration in conjunction with the Montana 4-H celebration so we are looking for as many 4-H stories as we can get. Then we will submit five stories to the state for the history book.

Submissions might include things such as individual or club stories, oral histories, photographs of activities with captions, individual family histories as 4-H members, etc. Suggested categories are:

*Youth/Adult Partnerships	*Leadership/Volunteerism	*Projects
*Community Service	*Competitions/Recognitions	*Fairs
*Clubs and their Activities	*International/Interstate Exchanges	
*Camps	*Events	*Alumni
		*Citizenship

If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office. Any stories you can give us by March 15th would be very much appreciated.

Host a 4-H Exchange Youth for One Month This Summer

Experience the world by hosting a Japanese youth this summer. Families with children ages 10-14 can host a young girl or boy for one month from July 21st through August 19th. Delegates come with spending money and health insurance and are here to experience what it's like to live with an American family. Host families get to learn about another culture and language first-hand. Contact Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu (406) 994-3502 or Beth Foster at gbfosterinmt@msn.com for more information.

2011 Inbound IFYE's



Open your home to an exchange student and open your lives to the world. Wibaux County families will have the opportunity to host exchange students ages 19-26 for approximately three weeks this summer. Delegates will visit the United States as part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program. Delegates come from Austria, Finland, Germany, Scotland, Greece, Sweden, and Switzerland.

This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family, so planning special activities is not necessary. They also have health insurance and their own spending money.

Families do not need to be involved in 4-H to host. They just need a willingness to share their lives and their friendship.

To apply, contact the Wibaux County Extension Office at (406) 796-2486 or Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502, sdavison@montana.edu.

Country	M/F	Name	Age	Interests	Available Hosting Dates			
Austria	F	Grabmer	26	Grew up on a pig farm, wants to work with cattle, enjoys swimming, reading, music, nature	7/17-8/3	8/4-8/21		
Austria	M	Christian	25	Studying agriculture, interested in soil management, plant production, enjoys soccer, running, skiing, hiking	7/17-8/3	8/4-8/21		
Finland	F	Heli	23	Studying teaching (geography & biology), wants to work on a farm with cows, sheep, horses	6/20-7/12	7/17-8/7	8/7-8/16	

Germany	F	Neele	19	Studying to be a tax accountant, likes horses, grew up on a farm, her sister coordinates IFYE program in Germany	6/20-7/12	7/17-8/7	8/7-8/28	8/28-9/11
Scotland					6/20-7/12	7/17-8/7	8/7-8/28	
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Greece					7/17-8/7	8/7-8/23		
Sweden	M	Johannes	24	4-H member for 10 years, enjoys sports (hockey), film, technical "stuff", sound engineer	9/25-10/16	10/16-11/6	11/6-11/20	11/20-12/4
Switzerland	F	Anna	23	Pharmacy chemist, wants to stay on a farm/ranch & learn about cowboys, loves horses & riding	6/17-7/12	7/17-8/7	8/7-8/23	8/23-9/6

**4-H Council Meeting
March 8, 2011**

The next Wibaux County 4-H Council meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 8th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Wibaux County Courtroom.** The membership of the Wibaux County 4-H Council is made up of Organizational Leaders, Key Leaders, Project Leaders, Senior 4-H Members, and Parents of 4-H Club Members. All are encouraged to attend.

**4-H Camp Needmore
Teen Counselor Applications DUE by
March 15, 2011**

Teen Counselor Camp Applications are due to the Prairie County Extension Office by March 15, 2011. A pre-camp training session has tentatively been scheduled for April 17th in Miles City.

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, 2010, and must have completed their freshman year in high school. Application forms are available at the Extension Office. The dates for the 2010 4-H Camp are June 13-16.

**4-H District 8 Livestock Judging Contest
Redland Memorial Livestock Judging
March 19, 2011**

The Redland Memorial Livestock Judging Contest will be held **March 19th** 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., and the contest begins at 10:30 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 10, 2011*. Any 4-H members, leaders or parents interested in attending are asked to contact the Extension Office.

Starter Flock Program

Are you interested in starting your own flock of sheep? The Montana Columbia Association is awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at (406) 937-2775 or email her at wallywld@northerntel.net. This program is for youth ages 10-17 and the deadline to apply is *July 15th*.

State 4-H Rec Lab 2011: Be Your Own Character
April 1-3, 2011

Be your own character and register today to attend the 2011 Montana 4-H Rec Lab. It will be held in Shelby, MT April 1-3. Over 30 different workshops are being offered over the course of five sessions ranging from hunting a whaskley wabbit and movie magic, to the best in the barnyard and figuring out where are you, Scooby Doo! 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, and at other unexpected moments.

Rec Lab is for youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2010. The registration fee is \$50.00. Lodging, workshop fees, and meals are included in the registration fee. Be sure to mark your workshops, as they are determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. Event details and the registration form are available online at www.montana4h.org. Go to Events...Montana 4-H Rec Lab.

This is a great experience for any 4-H members or leaders who can attend. The Wibaux County 4-H Council will pay the registration fee for those attending. The registration deadline is *March 11, 2011*. If interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office.

MSU YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL

June 27 - July 1, 2011

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School provides youth ages 9-17 the opportunity to spend five days on the MSU campus improving their horsemanship skills. The goals of this program are to: increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit, and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience.

The school is based on the belief that learning is best achieved in a hands-on environment. Participants will spend the majority of their time in morning and afternoon riding sessions supported by demonstrations of pertinent subject matter during non-riding times.

The registration cost is \$300.00 which includes instruction, lodging, meals and stalls. Each student must provide their own horse, Western tack and equipment. Students may provide their own chaperones or sign up for a school-provided chaperone. Each chaperone may care for 1-5 students of the same gender. Chaperones are responsible for their room and board expenses during the week (\$150); **however** chaperones capable of and willing to supervise additional students will receive \$30.00 per additional student to defray this cost. Students choosing to sign up for a school chaperone will be charged a \$30.00 chaperone fee to pay for the chaperone's room and board. The school is limited to the first 50 students. The registration deadline is *June 1st*. Registration forms and additional information are available at the Extension Office.

STATE PROJECT AWARDS

Purpose: To recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas.

Eligibility: The 4-H member must be

*14-19 years of age prior to October 1, 2010

*Presently enrolled in 4-H

Procedure to Participate: Submit State 4-H Awards Application

Award: State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and receive a certificate of achievement and a medal. Winners are also eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dates: Applications are due at the 4-H Center on *May 1, 2011*. Winners will be announced at Montana 4-H Youth Congress in July.

All interested 4-H members are encouraged to apply. Application forms, instructions, and assistance are available at the Extension Office.

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Douglas A. Dear Memorial Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship for higher education to an individual who has actively participated in the 4-H horse project. Must have completed senior year in high school in year of application.

Agri-Business Scholarship: One \$225 or more, as funds are available, scholarship for higher education to a 4-Her/former 4-Her pursuing a degree in agricultural business, economics or closely related field.

MT Meat Processors Scholarship: One \$1,000 scholarship for higher education to a 4-Her/former 4-Her with an interest or background in meat science or related fields.

MT Wheat & Barley Scholarships: Two \$750 scholarships for higher education to 4-Hers who have outstanding project work utilizing grains and grain products. Preference will be given to individuals pursuing a degree in a grain production field and/or from a grain production background..

Murdoch's Ranch and Home MT Scholarships: Five \$1,000 scholarships for higher education to Montana high school students who have demonstrated a dedication to 4-H and the ideals of leadership, responsibility and integrity.

N. A. Jacobsen Scholarship: One \$200 or more, if funds become available, scholarship for higher education to a former 4-Her who is currently a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at Montana State University-Bozeman who is interested in a career with the MSU Extension Service.

Scholarships Continued...

Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship for higher education for any incoming college freshman, sophomore, or junior enrolled in any college, university or technical/trade school. Applicants must have enrolled for at least one year in the 4-H shooting sports project.

Montana 4-H Barbara Edens Memorial Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship to 4-Hers exemplifying leadership, sportsmanship, and communication through involvement in the Montana 4-H horse project.

Montana Miller Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship to an individual from Eastern Montana, preferably Richland County. The recipient must have a 4-H background and plan to attend MSU, preferably Bozeman.

Applications are available at the Wibaux County Extension Office or online at www.montana4h.org.

Natural Horsemanship Clinics in Glendive

There will be Natural Horsemanship Clinics in Glendive, June 16-26 at the J&A Arena. Clinician Don Knapp will be here from Sulphur, Ok. to conduct these clinics. Don worked for Pat & Linda Parelli as a 3 Star Parelli Professional from 1996 to 2007, when he decided to start his own program.

Progressive Horsemanship Foundation to Finesse

L1 Foundation to Natural Horsemanship June 16,17,18

L2 Intermediate Horsemanship June 20,21,22

L3 Finesse Horsemanship June 24,25,26

There is a limit of 12 riders in each clinic.

The cost is \$400 for the 3-day clinic. If you take a second clinic, it will be \$300, and third \$300. If you just wanted to ride an extra day or two, it would cost \$100 for each of those days. You can take one clinic, two, or all three.

Kids need to be at least 8 yrs. old and have some riding experience. Four-H kids can audit free if with a 4-H leader. Arena fees will be separate, and based on the number of participants.

Problem horses are welcome, but you need to contact Don ahead of time to see if this is something that could be dealt with at the clinic or not. It would take something extreme not to be able to. To contact Don Knapp: email at cowboydon51@yahoo.com or leave him a message on his cell phone: 581-618-3699.

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