



**Wibaux County  
Extension Office**

## OCTOBER 2008

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

This is the time of year when clubs reorganize, new members join, and activities and events are planned for the coming year. Please contact the Extension Office if we can be of assistance to you in any way. Thanks to the Kountry Kids 4-H Club for putting up a 4-H Week window display at the Wibaux General Store.

In this newsletter you will find information on this year's 4-H Achievement Day which is scheduled for Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 3:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Peter's Catholic Church. We hope you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. A very enjoyable program has been planned.

Also in this newsletter you will find information on the Montana Advanced Youth Beef Project, Montana Citizenship Seminar, 4-H Council Reorganizational Meeting, and more.

We hope to see all of you on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sincerely,

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## 4-H Achievement Day

With the theme of “Keeping It Green”, this year’s Achievement Day will be held **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Peter’s Catholic Church.** This year’s guest speaker will be Pastor Jeremy Stradley. Dinner will be served immediately following the program.

This is one time during the year when all 4-H families can get together for an enjoyable afternoon and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. We hope everyone will be able to attend. Also, any relatives of 4-H members who would like to attend are certainly encouraged to do so.



Each club is assigned the following responsibilities:

§ *Decorations: Junior Leaders*

§ *Serving: Kountry Kids*

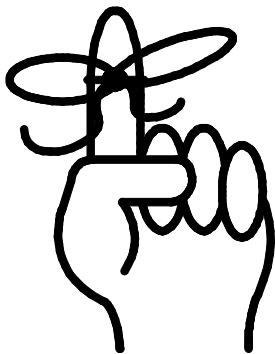
§ *Cleanup: All Clubs*

§ *Bars: Junior Leaders, Sandra Devine,*

*Dave Bertelsen, & Patti Goroski*

§ *Salads: Eager Beavers and Kountry Kids*

The 4-H Council will provide the main dish, cups, plates, napkins and beverages.



### 4-H ENROLLMENT CARDS DUE

**December 1, 2008**

Again this year we are asking that all 4-H leader and member enrollment cards be turned in to the Extension Office by **December 1<sup>st</sup>**. This information is needed in order to receive the project materials in a timely manner. Your help in meeting the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline would be deeply appreciated.

### 4-H COUNCIL

### REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

The reorganizational meeting of the Wibaux County 4-H Council has been scheduled for **Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom.** The meeting will include the election of officers and signing up for committees. 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 clubs need to be represented. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

## **Seeking Youth to Enroll in the Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program**

The Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program committee is interested to know if there are 4-H and FFA youth in the state that may be interested in participating in the Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program.

4-H and FFA youth from ages 12-19 are eligible to participate in the program. The pen of 3 steers are weighed and tagged locally by January 15, 2009 to get an initial weight. Interested youth should contact Sharla Sackman at the Prairie County Extension Office prior to October 31, 2008 to indicate their interest in this program. If there appears to be enough interest from around the state, youth will be asked to formally enroll in the project and pay a transportation deposit of \$50 by November 15, 2008.

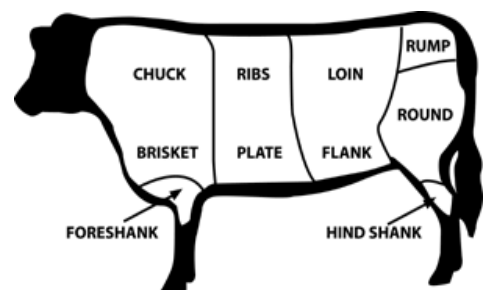
The Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program began in 2004 as a way for 4-H'ers interested in market beef projects to take their education to the next level. Instead of taking one steer to the county fair and selling it for a premium price, participants in the AYMBP begin feeding three animals in January and have them finished in time for a pen show at Midland Bull Test in Columbus, MT at the beginning of June.

4-H and FFA youth from ages 12-19 are eligible to participate in the AYMBP. Cattle are shipped directly from Columbus after the live pen show to the Swift and Co. processing facility in Greeley, CO. Calves are sold on a quality and yield grade basis, and participants are paid carcass value after all marketing and transportation expenses are deducted. Participants must keep detailed feed, health, and financial records, and must be current in Quality Assurance training. They receive monthly newsletters containing information on animal selection, nutrition, management, marketing, beef industry trends, and more. They also receive carcass information from their animals.

The possession date for the steers will be January 15, 2009. Each participant will receive three panel ear tags to identify their pen of 3 steers. The live show is tentatively scheduled at Midland Bull Test in Columbus, Montana on June 3, 2009.

## Livestock Judging

During the coming months, there are a number of 4-H livestock judging contests for youth ages 9-19 to participate in. Contests will be held in Sidney, Great Falls, and Dickinson, just to name a few. Any interested 4-H youth are encouraged to contact the Extension Office. Being a member of a 4-H livestock judging team can be a very educational and fun experience.



**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 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and end on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. After February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

Additional information and application forms are available at the Extension Office. Applications are due by *February 1<sup>st</sup>*.

## State 4-H Horse Committee

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is seeking nominations for the State 4-H Horse Committee. District 8 has openings for two adults and two teens. The adults would serve a three-year term and the teens a one-year term. Anyone interested is encouraged to apply. Nomination forms are available at the Extension Office. Nominations are due in the 4-H Center by *January 15, 2009*.



## State 4-H Livestock Committee



The same information applies as the State Horse Committee.

§ Nominations are due in the 4-H Center by *December 1, 2008*.

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4-H Achievement Day  
Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
3:00 p.m.  
St. Peter's Catholic church Basement