



OCTOBER 2009

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 Tastee Hut.

**Wibaux County
Extension Office**

In this newsletter you will find information on this year's 4-H Achievement Day which is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th, 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 4-H Council Reorganizational Meeting, Volunteer Screening, Carcass Contest Results, Western Regional Leader's Forum, and more.

We hope to see all of you on November 8th.

Sincerely,

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4-H Achievement Day

With the theme of “Meet the Future”, this year’s Achievement Day will be held **Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Peter’s Catholic Church.** This year’s guest speaker will be Larry Brence, MSU Extension Eastern Region Department Head. Dinner will be served immediately following the program.

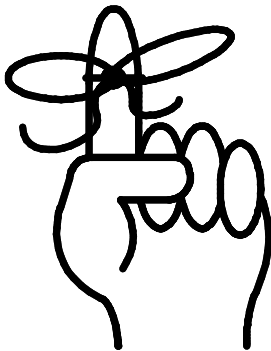
This is one time during the year when all 4-H families can get together for an enjoyable afternoon and reflect on the accomplishments of the past year. We hope everyone will be able to attend. Also, any relatives of 4-H members who would like to attend are certainly encouraged to do so.



Each club is assigned the following responsibilities:

- \$ **Decorations:** *Kountry Kids*
- \$ **Serving:** *Eager Beavers*
- \$ **Cleanup:** *All Clubs*
- \$ **Bars:** *Kountry Kids & Sandra Devine,*
- \$ **Salads:** *Eager Beavers & Junior Leaders*

The 4-H Council will provide the main dish, cups, plates, napkins and beverages. *All 4-H Clubs are asked to help with cleanup.*



4-H ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE

December 1, 2009

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

4-H COUNCIL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The reorganizational meeting of the Wibaux County 4-H Council has been scheduled for ***Tuesday, November 17th, at 12:00 noon at the Palace Café.*** 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.



4-H Leader/Volunteer Screening & Certification

The safety and well-being of youth and adult participants in the Montana 4-H Program is paramount to the continued success of the program.

Through consultation with volunteers, agents, Extension Administration, MSU Safety and Risk Management, and MSU Legal Counsel, the Montana 4-H program will be changing volunteer screening procedures to include criminal background checks of all 4-H volunteers that serve in a direct youth contact

capacity with the program. *This includes any parents who may be interested in chaperoning a 4-H trip.*

Policies and procedures for this process are available at the Extension Office. This is a one-time process as long as a volunteer does not have a break in association with 4-H.

The cost will be \$12 per volunteer, with this cost being assumed by the Wibaux County 4-H Council.

Implementation of the new screening procedure is the 2009-2010 4-H year beginning October 1, 2009. ***Please stop by the Wibaux County Extension Office at your earliest convenience to get this process started.***



2009 4-H Carcass Contest Results

Steers: 1st - Dalton Miske
2nd - Taylen Nelson
3rd - Kali Petermann

Blue Ribbon Winners: Dalton Miske, Taylen Nelson, Kali Petermann, Megan Begger, Kaitlyn Goroski, Bob Lund, and Riata Smith.

Hogs: 1st - Kylee Goroski
2nd - Megan Begger
3rd - Kaitlyn Goroski

Blue Ribbon Winners: Kylee Goroski, Megan Begger, Kaitlyn Goroski, Taylen Nelson, and Kali Petermann.

Lambs: 1st - Taylen Nelson

Blue Ribbon Winner: Taylen Nelson.

The overall carcass contest winner selected by Bruce Smith was Kylee Goroski's hog. Thanks to all who participated. Congratulations to the winners.



Western Regional Leaders' Forum

March 11-14, 2010

Albuquerque, New Mexico

New Mexico looks forward to being your host for the 2010 Western Regional Leaders' Forum (WRLF) in Albuquerque, March 11-14. All 4-H leaders, teens, and staff from the 13 western states, 2 Canadian provinces, and the Pacific Territories are invited. The event is capped at 400 participants, so don't delay in registering.

The full-time registration includes Thursday evening appetizers and 4 meals, hospitality room, workshops, speakers, commercial exhibits, entertainment, and activities.

On Friday and Saturday, there will be 64 workshops on a diverse range of topics. Some of the workshop titles are:

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| \$ Magic of Leadership | \$4-H Working Ranch Horse Program |
| \$ Sciencetriffic 4-H Projects | \$Are you Smarter than a 4-Her? |
| \$ Are you a 4-H Pig or Chicken? | \$4-H on a Shoestring |
| \$ Internet Use in 4-H Activities | \$Ready? S.E.T. Lego! |
| \$ Introduction to Boondoggle Delights | |

Early Bird Registration is \$200 if postmarked by December 15th, with accommodations at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Hotel reservations may be made online or by calling (402) 592-6464 or 1-888-421-1442. Information regarding registration, hotel, schedule, tours, and workshops is located at the official Website:

<http://nm4h.nmsu.edu>.

The Wibaux County 4-H Council will help offset expenses for those attending. Please contact the Extension Office if interested in attending. Western Regional Leaders' Forums are a great experience for anyone who can attend.



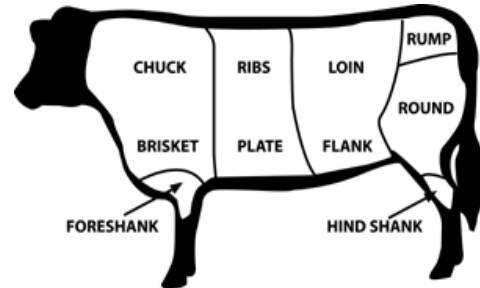
State 4-H Livestock Committee

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is seeking nominations for the State 4-H Livestock 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 *December 1, 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.



Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless, but because they are PRICELESS!