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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

For many of you this is your first 4-H Newsletter. You will receive one monthly newsletter per family for the 4-H year. The newsletter is filled with information you will need to know each month. Be sure to ask questions and learn about the activities and information listed. Please let us know if you are receiving more than one newsletter so we can change this in the computer or if you change addresses. If you have not re-enrolled in 4-H as of Dec. 15, 2011, this will be your last newsletter.

Read your newsletter thoroughly and if you find your initials and birthdate somewhere in the newsletter, call the Extension Office. The 4-H Council will send you a check for \$5.00!

Thanks to everyone who brought toys for Toys For Tots. 4-H did very well gathering and donating toys.

Elijah Bonner, Josie Larson, Julia Larson and EmmaRae Rasmussen sold 100 Family Fun Night tickets. We missed recognizing Saddle Up for 4-H participant Kaylee Davis who rode 52 hours this year. GREAT JOB everyone!!

Roni Baker
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Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

4-H NEWSLETTER

If you know of anyone in your club who is **NOT** getting a newsletter, please have them call the office at 256-2828 and let us know. If you are planning on moving or changing your last name, please let the Extension Office know so you may continue to receive the newsletter.

4-H YEAR BEGINS

Welcome to the 2011-2012 4-H year. If you are new to 4-H, you have just begun to receive this newsletter. It is an important communication for all 4-H members and families. Topics covered in this newsletter are for the information of every member and leader. Your club does not have to be involved in a workshop or event for you to participate. Please take the opportunity to try something new when you read about it in the newsletter. We encourage you to pay attention to registration deadlines and understand that sometimes classes have a limit on the number of participants. Sign up early! Some articles will have only a small part of the information. Feel free at any time to contact the Extension Office for further information. We enjoy having you stop in at the office but also encourage you to contact us by phone (256-2828) or e-mail, Roni Baker, ronibaker@montana.edu, or visit our **website** : www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension/county4h/ where you can find the newsletter and more information at your fingertips or a mouse click away.

You can also find reminders and photos on our **Facebook** page Yellowstone County Extension 4-H.

Remember...if you email and don't receive a response from her, she has not received your email! Our firewall is rather stringent.

REMINDER: You must be enrolled in 4-H for the current year to participate in events and activities listed in this newsletter. If you have not yet turned in your enrollment, please do so.



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

MONTANA 4-H IS TURNING 100!

Have you noticed the centennial logo on first page of the newsletter? 2012 brings the 100 year celebration of 4-H in Montana. Become part of the history:

- Go to the Montana 4-H website www.montana4h.org and click on the Centennial button. On this website there is a section, “**What is your 4-H Story.**” Many of you have a long history of 4-H or a special memory to share. Please take time to share your story.
- Heritage Families** will be recognized at the 2012 State Leadership Forum. If your family has three generations or more that have been involved in 4-H, please email the information to Roni Baker at ronibaker@montana.edu so it can be submitted for inclusion at the Leadership Forum.
- Legacy Leaders** will also be recognized at State Leadership Forum. Submit your nomination for a leader who has made a significant impact to the program through a special project or years of service to ronibaker@montana.edu

POSTAGE COSTS TO AFFECT 4-H NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

In January 2012 the US Postal Service will be increasing postage rates. With this increase Extension needs to look for ways to distribute our 4-H newsletter more efficiently. We want to transition to sending the monthly newsletter electronically. This will save on paper, postage and assembly costs. All newsletter, registrations, calendars, flyers will continue to be posted on the Yellowstone County 4-H website and can be printed off at your convenience. Hard copies of forms and registrations can be picked up from the Extension Office as well.

At your January club meetings, your club organizational leader(s) will speak with each family to determine those that do not have internet access and must receive the newsletter via the mail. We will begin electronic mailing with the March 2012 newsletter. We appreciate your support in helping to keep 4-H membership costs low.

4-H VOLUNTEERS AT THE RED KETTLES

4-H volunteers rang the bell at the Salvation Army red kettles on Saturday, Dec. 10th and Thursday, Dec. 15th. All

monies stay in our county to help local residents in need. Feel proud about making a difference this holiday season!

Cool Clovers

Emie Bonnor
Jodie Drange
Pam Frey
Jessi Kauffman
JP Kauffman
Katie Ostermiller
Madison Ostermiller

Jasmine Drange
Spencer Drange
George Kauffman
Jodi Kauffman
Kathy Kauffman
Kyle Ostermiller

Hesper Hustlers

Shaylee Barthuly
Cortney Bromenshenk
Kolby Dietz
Anna Kraft
Kelsey Kraft
Dalton Lemburg
Ty McCormick
Trye Nansel
Blake Sowers

Beau Bromenshenk
Garrett Bromenshenk
Lexy Dietz
Hannah Kraft
Seth Kraft
Kylie Lemburg
Raegan Nansel
Dallas Roe
Craig Sowers

Huntley Eagles

Andrea McClenning
Ember Sian

Brooke McClenning
Frankie Sindelar

Kountry Kritters

Anna Barnes
Nancy Byxbe
Connor Dove
Hannah Jandro
Katie Kloepfel
Karry Knickerbocker
Stormy Penn
Bob Reid
Loretta Reiter
Samantha Smith
Shay Smith
Jackie White

Lauris Byxbe
Bailey Dove
Keith Dove
Carla Kirkpatrick
Justin Knickerbocker
Murry Knickerbocker
Angie Reid
Vicki Reid
Keath Smith
Sara Smith
Wanda Smith
Kendrick White

Laurel Roadrunners

Christopher Lanaghan
Cody Thatcher

Jane Ryan
John Thatcher

Lockwood Humble B's

Cheyenne Risdon

Linda Risdon

Project Rockin Wranglers

Deb Barta-Grice
Kellie Brazelton
Cooper Lane
Natalie Downen
Jonathan Selph
Shelby Sleaford

Hunter Brazelton
Brighton Lane
Matt Lane
Audrey Selph
Justin Selph
Kathy Teter

Ruff Riders

David Asay
Cortlin Beck

Bryant Beck
Karen Cahill

Christian Fink
 Bridger Haffey
 Dorothy Henning
 Bailey Kennedy
 Caleb Laszloffy
 Jeannine Mazel
 Amanda Smith
 Jordan Trupka
 Nancy VanMaren
Shepherd Pioneers

Stephanie Horsman
 Andrea Miller
 Hannah Murray

Town & Country

Branden Muessig
 Tom Tyler

Worden Riverdale

Dawson Bender
 Madason Bender
 Andrea Connard

Yellowstone Pilgrims

Debbie Newton

Extension Office

Roni Baker & family

Maddie Fink
 David Henning
 Ashlyn Horsman
 Dan Kennedy
 Josiah Laszloffy
 Karla Mazel
 Thomas Swenson
 Kristi Trupka
 Ella Wilkinson

Julia Lober
 Ellie Miller
 Sarah Murray

Ann Tyler

Kim Bender
 Mason Bender
 Taylor Connard

Jason Newton

deadline for adult chaperones to Japan, Australia or Norway: Jan. 1, 2012.

A full year internship is available to a select number of college-age youth (3-4 annually) who have already been to Japan on a one month summer exchange. Interns are selected from around the nation and work in the Labo or LEX offices for one year. Applicants chosen for an interview will be flown to Seattle to meet with the Japanese partner organization before a final selection is made. This is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! **Application deadline: Jan. 1, 2012.**

Inbound hosting opportunities: Families are needed to host youth for up to one month from Argentina, Japan, Finland, year-long high school students from Japan or Eurasian countries and IFYE delegates, young adults that stay for a period of up to 3 weeks. Families provide room and board – delegates come with insurance and spending money. This is an amazing opportunity to show your culture to another and to learn many things about someone from another culture – all without traveling. **Application deadline: Apr. 15, 2012.**

NEW OPPORTUNITY! This year the American Youth Leadership Program has partnered with **Mongolia** to take a group of teens and adult participants on an exchange. This month long trip runs June 21 ~ July 19, 2012 (approximately) and youth must be 15 but not older than 17 by the trip departure date. There is no program fee and out-of-pocket expenses will be minimal. Contact the Extension Office (256-2828) if you are interested in this program. **Application deadline: Jan. 15, 2012.**

Application materials for all programs are available on the web at <http://www.montana4h.org> or by calling Stephanie Davison at 406-994-3501.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM DEADLINES

Don't forget to think about traveling abroad with the IFYE program for a three or six month exchange. Montana youth can travel to Japan, Australia, and Norway for one – two months next summer (2012) as part of the IFYE Ambassador program. Age requirements vary by program. Former 4-Hers (19-30) can travel to a country of their choice and stay with host families for up to six months. Travel for this program begins June 2012 after a national orientation that brings together IFYEs from all over the United States. Significant financial assistance for these programs is provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation and program coordination is provided by the 4-H Center for Youth Development. These trips are unique cultural experiences that encourage global communication and allow participants to understand another culture and language in-depth. **Application deadline: Jan. 1, 2012**

4-H youth from around the country travel with chaperones to their country of choice and stay with host families for a month beginning in June or July 2012. Adult chaperones are needed for all of these programs. **Application**

4-H COUNCIL

There will **NOT BE** a January 4-H Council or Department N meeting. See you February 2nd, Courthouse Room 105.

4-H LICENSE PLATE

Remember when renewing or purchasing a license plate to consider the 4-H license plate. It is available at the Motor Vehicle Department.

FRUIT SALE INFORMATION MEETING JANUARY 5, 2012

All 4-H Clubs are required to participate in the fruit sale. Each club needs to have at least one representative present at this meeting.

When: Thursday, January 5th, 2012

Where: Room 105, Courthouse

Time: 5:30 p.m.

You will receive your club order forms, instructions and enjoy a tasty snack.

FRUIT SALE POLICY

Members are expected to sell a minimum of 2 boxes of fruit or take part in the buy out program (talk to your club fruit sale representative).

4-H Council Policy:

“All 4-H members must participate in the Yellowstone County 4-H Council Fruit Sale and Family Fun Night fund raising events if the member wishes to participate in county sponsored events. (County sponsored events include: Achievement Day, 4-H Camp, Citizenship Interviews and Trips, Congress, Showcase, Sewing Festival, Foods Festival, Livestock Judging events, leader training and any other event or activity funded by or through a committee or Council line item budget.)”

CITIZENSHIP DELEGATES

4-H members in Yellowstone County interviewed for trips to the Washington, D.C. Citizenship Focus to be held June 9-16, 2012 and the Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar in Helena to be held in 2013. Delegates to the Washington, D.C. Citizenship Focus are:

Candace Hamilton Julia Lober

Ty McCormick

The following 4-H members were selected as delegates to attend the Montana Citizenship Seminar in Helena:

Keith Crable Candace Hamilton

Julia Lober Ty McCormick

AMBASSADOR'S CORNER

The Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassador team invites you and your family to join us in a Centennial Coat Drive.

Our goal is to collect at least 100 coats during the month of January. All donations can be dropped off at the 4-H office and will be donated to the Rescue Mission in February.

Hats, gloves and blankets will also be gratefully accepted. Please make sure donations are in reasonable condition.

Thank you from our Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors: Jasmine Drange, Dustin Huntington, Blake Lanaghan, Christopher Lanaghan, Hope Martin and Moriah Miller.

PROJECT DAY & LEADER'S COLLEGE

On Saturday, Jan. 7th make plans to come to Project Day at the MetraPark Sage Center to learn about new and existing projects offered in 4-H. Try something fun and new. Registration will be held from 8:30 ~ 9:00 am. Some classes have a limited enrollment so participants will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Snacks will be provided. No lunch will be served. Classes offered will include: Entomology, Microwave Cooking, Photography, Furbearers, Etiquette, Poultry, Parliamentary Procedure, and Games. Participants will be able to select three 45 minute classes. Classes will be done at noon.

Leader's College Level 1 will also take place during project day from 9:00 am ~ 1:00 pm. While your kids are at project day, you can attend the leader's training and learn new, fun ideas for working with youth! No registration necessary.

GIRLS FOR A CHANGE

Where: Montana State University Bozeman
Student Union Building

When: Saturday, February 25th, 2012

For: High school girls in 8-12 grade

Cost: \$20 per girl

Registration Deadline: February 22nd, 2012

Registrations will be available in early January on the website: www.allthrive.org/programs/girls-for-a-change/annual-activities/annual-statewide-conference-for-girls/2012-conference-100-possible-contents-may-settle-but-never-for-less/

What: Girls For A Change is a grass-roots initiative whose

mission is “to empower girls to embrace their future, confident about their individuality, supported by friends, parents, and mentors and secure in their ability to lead and to achieve self-sufficiency, fulfillment and success.”

The conference is put on by girls and their adult mentors and features a variety of fun workshops. The 2012 “100% Possible - Contents May Settle but Never For Less” conference will feature keynote speaker President of Montana State University, Dr. Waded Cruzado. Dr. Cruzado is the first woman and first minority to serve as a university president in the State of Montana. Her commitment to teaching and volunteer service is certain to be an inspiration for all Montana girls!

For more information visit the website or email: thrive@allthrive.org or call 406-587-3840.

CLOVERBUD MEETING

All Cloverbuds and Cloverbud parents are invited to join us for a night of fun on Thursday, January 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Courthouse Room 105. There will be crafts for the kids.

Please call Stephanie Johnson @ 252-4115 with questions and to RSVP to ensure we have enough craft supplies. Can't make it to this meeting, that's OK. If you are interested in any future Cloverbud activities please give Stephanie a call. She would like to get your input to ensure all our Cloverbuds have a successful and fun 4-H year.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR & CIT APPLICATIONS DUE JAN. 6th

If you are interested in becoming a Counselor or CIT, 4-H members must be 13 or older by the first day of Camp (June 4, 2012) to be a CIT (Counselor in Training). Members must be 14 or older by the first day of Camp (June 4, 2012) to be a Counselor. The application form for camp counselors and CITs was enclosed in the December 4-H newsletter and is also on the 4-H website. The application **must** be postmarked by **Friday, January 6th, 2012**. Applications are available at the Extension Office and on the 4-H website.

If you are selected to be a Counselor or CIT, you **must** attend all remaining Camp planning meetings. This year Camp will be held June 5 - 8, 2012. You will be required to be at Camp on June 4th.

ADULTS NEEDED FOR CAMP

Adults are always needed to help plan and attend 4-H camp. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the planning meetings. We will also need adults to come to camp in June. It is a fun experience! If you are interested, contact Roni at 256-2828.

MSU SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

All prospective 2012 fall freshmen, please be advised of the scholarship opportunities available to you. Details can be found on this link:

www.montana.edu/wwwnss/scholarships.shtml

Many of the scholarships are now automated. Prospective freshmen simply need to apply for admission and have their ACT and/or SAT scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company. If they apply and have a score that matches one of the scholarship parameters, Financial Aid sends them a scholarship offer right away.

MSU has greatly expanded their Premier Scholarship program for fall 2012! All of the scholarship values have been increased--in some cases by 100%.

For more information about our Premier Scholarship Program for Montana Freshmen, you can go to www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsres.shtml

It is very important that students apply for admission (include their GPA on their application self-report form), have their ACT and/or SAT scores sent directly from the testing company to Montana State University, and complete the [Montana Premier Scholarship application](#) as soon as possible. The priority deadline for these scholarships is February 1, 2012.

CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts announces that two scholarship are available for high school seniors or students already in college. Eligibility requirement include: US Citizen, MT residency, minimum GPA of 3.0, enrollment plans or current enrollment in studies that explore natural resource issues. Students may receive a scholarship both as a high school senior and once during a post secondary career. Application deadline is

Feb. 17th, 2012. Application and instructions are available at www.macdnet.org/education.htm

2012 STATE LEADERSHIP FORUM CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

The 2012 State 4-H Leadership Forum will be held September 28 & 29 at the Holiday Inn Grand in Billings. District 7 (including Yellowstone County) is hosting and we encourage our 4-H clubs, leaders, members to submit a workshop proposal. A Workshop Proposal Form is included in this newsletter. Questions? Please contact Lisa at the Stillwater Co. Extension Office at 322-8035.

AG DAY ESSAY CONTEST

The Ag Council of America is sponsoring a contest for 9th ~ 12th graders to submit an original essay of 450 words or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. The theme is "American Agriculture: Feeding the Future, Filling the Gaps." Entries are due Feb. 1st, 2012. Official rules and information can be found at their website: www.hpj.com/agdayessay/

RECORD BOOK / FORM COMPLETION WORKSHOP

Learn how to fill out record books, what makes a gold seal record book, filling out enrollment forms and project order forms. Everyone is invited to attend this workshop on February 15th from 6:30 ~ 7:30 p.m. at the Courthouse.

YOUTH NEEDED

Youth are invited to participate in all of the county meetings and on all of the committees. We want you to be involved in Sale Committee, Livestock Committee, Department N Committee, 4-H Council and all of the event committees such as Fruit Sale and Family Fun Night. Come share your opinions and be part of the decision making process in the county!

FAMILY IN THE MILITARY OR RESERVES

On your enrollment forms we have a section asking if someone in your family is in the service – active duty. Please check "Yes" if any family member is active in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Guard, or Reserve. This is important information we need to track because our county is the recipient of a grant through the military! They like to see how many people we are reaching.

Please contact the Extension Office (256-2828) if someone in your family (mom, dad, sister, brother) is in the National Guard, Reserve, or other branch of the military and you forgot to mark it on your enrollment.

MAKE IT AND TAKE IT DAY FEBRUARY 25

This year we will be having a Make It and Take It day where 4-Hers can pick from a long list of workshops. Cloverbuds will have their own workshop that runs all day. Participants will be able to start and finish projects and take them home at the end of the day!

Workshops include: Leatherwork, Clay Critters, Pie Making, Braiding, Quilting, Apron, Knitting, Car Making, and many more. Member/Cloverbud registration is \$20 and includes workshop materials, snacks, and lunch. The day runs from 9:30 am ~ 3:00 pm. Eighty participants will be accepted on a first come - first served basis. The event registration will be emailed mid-January and available on the 4-H website with a registration deadline of February 10. Mark your calendars now!

ATTENTION JR. LEADERS

There will be a Junior Leaders meeting Thursday, Jan. 12th at 6:00 pm in Courthouse Room 105. Members age 13 and older are welcome. Questions: Call Ann at 861-8779.

GRANT MONEY AVAILABLE

People Partner Grants: The purpose of this grant is to provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be

involved in determining, conducting, and evaluating the project. Up to \$5,000 will be awarded by the Montana 4-H Foundation. Application deadline: February 1st, 2012.

NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

Plans are underway for national 4-H Conference to be held March 24 – 29, 2012 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington DC. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults - at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture - assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Program nationally and in their communities.

Montana will send a delegation of up to 4 participants. Youth Delegates must be 15-18 years old as of January 1, 2012 and not a High School senior during the 4-H year in which they apply and attend. Adult Chaperone Delegates must be an enrolled certified 4-H volunteer (24 years or older). Partial funding will be provided by the Montana 4-H Foundation to selected delegates (support dependent on the number of delegates). Delegates will be responsible for a portion of the approximate \$1,400 total cost per participant.

Application are available at the Extension Office. Please call the office if you have questions.

SHILO SHARPS RIFLE

Once again the Montana 4-H Foundation is holding a rifle raffle. You can purchase tickets to win a \$2,500 gift certificate towards a Shilo Sharps Rifle. All proceeds go toward the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Tickets are \$20 each or 6 tickets for \$100. Only 1,200 tickets are available. Drawing will be held on June 17th, 2012 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth. You need not be present to Win! Tickets are available at the Extension Office.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I list several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

Judith Wallinder - Farmers Insurance

Bobcat of Big Sky

Fourth Ave. Meat Market

Stella's Kitchen

Riverside Sand & Gravel

Billings Farm & Ranch Supply

Crowley Fleck PLLP

Blue Cat Bar & Grill

The Truck Stop

Midland Implement

DEPARTMENT N NEWS ...

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

There will NOT be a Department N meeting in January, 2011. See you February 2nd, 2012.

SHOWCASE & CONGRESS QUILT SHOW

It's time to begin planning your quilt for the Showcase Quilt Show on April 28th. Any 4-H member or relative of a 4-H member may enter the quilt show. You may enter a bed quilt, wall hanging, quilted garment, quilt block or any other quilted article. If you need help getting started, or have a question about construction, patterns, choice of fabrics, binding, etc, contact your sewing or quilting leader or for more information call the Extension Office at 256-2828

Senior 4-H members - there is a quilt show at Congress, held in Bozeman in July. You may enter your quilt in the Congress Quilt Show and attend the Congress Quilting Contest. Any size quilt will be accepted, as well as wall hangings and quilted garments. All work must be done by the 4-H member (i.e., no professional quilting) and awards will be presented. Score sheets are available for you to see from Roni. Our county may submit more than one entry, so encourage your friends to quilt too.

CAKE

The Cake Meeting will be held January 17th, at 6:30 pm at the Courthouse in Room 105. We will be doing a "winter" theme - snowman, ice skating, snowflakes, etc. 1st and 2nd year kids bring a one-layer cake (any shape) and something edible to decorate with (i.e., candy, teddy grahams, pretzels, etc.). 3rd year kids bring a two-layer cake. 4th year kids bring a cut-up cake that has been crumb coated. **Everyone** bring icing, decorating utensils, boards

and boxes. RSVP by Friday, January 13th to the Extension Office at 256-2828 or Carol at 839-7420 - leave a message.

READY TO WEAR

Several people have asked what project you need to sign up for to do Ready to Wear at the Showcase and at the MontanaFair. The PACT project (listed on the county supplement) is designed for youth who do not want to sew and only want to do ready to wear. If you want to sew and do ready to wear sign up for Clothing and Textiles and you can do both. You do not need to sign up for both projects and do double the record sheets.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP

The next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 14th, 10:30 am ~ noon in Courthouse Room 105. Current members please bring the projects you have been working on. If this meeting will be your first Ceramics Workshop, please call Marilyn @ 657-4015 by January 11th so she can gather supplies.

BOZEMAN SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held in Bozeman on January 13-14, 2012. The deadline for registration is January 9th. We will be offering Rifle, Archery, and Pistol disciplines if there is adequate interest. Please note that leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs.

The registration fee is \$60 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders (teens may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline).

The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Friday's dinner and lodging is on your own, but lunch is provided on Saturday as part of the registration.

Registration forms and the required pre-test are available online on the Yellowstone County 4-H website or in the Extension Office. Questions: Contact the 4-H Office at 256-2828.

SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL

The Lewis and Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will take place in Helena on Saturday, January 2st, 2012. If interested, any 4-H shooting sports member enrolled in air rifle, air pistol, or archery is welcome to attend.

Please note that the registration deadline is January 10th. The registration packet can be printed off our county 4-H website under Other Forms, Miscellaneous or can be picked up in the Extension Office.

LIVESTOCK NEWS ...

SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE SALE COMMITTEE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Small Animal Committee Meeting - Jan. 25th - 6:00 pm

Sale Committee Meeting - Jan. 25th - 6:30 pm

Livestock Committee Meeting - Jan. 25th -

7:00 pm or immediately following Sale Comm.

Bring names of possible fair judges to this meeting.

CAT PROJECT WORKSHOP

The next cat project meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 24th, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Yellowstone Room at MetraPark (under the grandstands). Please bring your cats. We will be working on showmanship. If you like, bring a snack to share. Questions? Call Candace or Sandra Hamilton at 651-5560.

KMON JUDGING CONTEST

KMON Livestock, Meats ID and Crops Judging Contests will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Great Falls on January 21st, 2012. Registrations are due by January 12th to the Cascade County Extension Office. Contact Roni at 256-2828 before January 10th if you want to attend.

2012 MONTANA STATE FAIR JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

4-H members wanting to enter the 2012 Montana State Fair will need to call the Montana State Fair office @ 406-727-8900 for entry information and forms.

2012 MONTANA WINTER FAIR

The Montana Winter Fair Youth Feeder Steer Show and the Youth All Breeds Heifer Show will be held Sunday, January 22nd, 2012 in Lewistown. Additional information and registration forms can be found at www.montanawinterfair.com

BEEF TAGGING

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter Market Beef in the 2012 MontanaFair must have their animal(s) ear tagged on **Saturday, February 4th**. **You may tag three animals. There will only be one site which is PAYS in Billings.**

Beef Tagging: 9:00 am ~ Noon

Animal Quality Assurance Training: 10:00 ~ 11:30 am

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can't be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed.

All exhibitors at the MontanaFair in Department A are required to attend a Quality Assurance Training prior to fair entry deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the MontanaFair. The 2012 Quality Assurance Class schedule is included in this newsletter.

You need to bring your animals as early as possible. If you have another commitment that day, you need to ask your parents, a friend or neighbor to bring your animals. **It is your responsibility to get your animal(s) to PAYS. No animals will be tagged after this date.** If you have questions, call Brenda Bromenshenk at 861-7173 or the Extension Office at 256-2828. Thank you for your cooperation. (SK2/22/96)

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The Grasshopper Trailblazers Livestock Judging Contest to be held January 14th, 2012 near Polaris, MT (between Dillon and Wisdom) at the Harrison's Indoor Arena (yellow barn) at Mile Marker 25 on Hwy 278 (Jackson Highway, off I-15 at Exit 59). Check in starts at 12 pm with the Judging Contest at 1 pm. Novice, Superstarter, Junior, and Senior classes in Horse, Beef Cattle, Swine, Sheep and Hay. Concessions will be available. Questions? Call Beaverhead Co. Extension at 406-683-3785.

4-H CLUB OFFICERS & ROLES

Congratulations to all of the new club officers!

The officer and committee system is a good way of dividing jobs and responsibilities among club members in an orderly way. The number of officers needed is determined by the size and type of club. Club officers are usually elected annually, near the beginning of the 4-H year. One of the Leaders or parents should be responsible for helping officers carry out their responsibilities.

President - Prepares the agenda with other officers and Leader, and presides at club meetings. Knows and follows parliamentary procedure. Appoints necessary committees. Works with Leaders to see that meetings run smoothly. Checks on meeting arrangements.

Vice-President - Assumes duties of President in her/his absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

Secretary - Keeps complete and accurate records of each business meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club role and all other club records up to date.

Treasurer - Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records.

Historian - Maintains and updates the clubs history book to preserve information for future club members.

CLUB MINUTES

Just a reminder that our office should receive a copy of your club meeting minutes each month. Club secretaries may write them on the forms provided in the secretary's

book; we would be glad to make a copy for you. Or they may be typed on your computer, submitted in hard copy, emailed to ronibaker@montana.edu or faxed to 256-2825.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

City Kids – The club budget was approved by the members. Project materials were handed out and everyone who got a county award stood to be acknowledged. We will be doing a club recreational event over the school break.

Laurel Roadrunners – We had enrollment updates and talked about ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Project Day is coming up and we will have an awards program in January.

Lockwood Humble B's – We had our annual potluck meeting and awards ceremony.

Ruff Riders – The club voted to approve the budget and then our club party began.

Shepherd Pioneers – We had our annual holiday pizza party. Leaders gave project reports.

Town and Country – The club discussed Family Fun Night and the Fruit Sale. Yuliya from the Ukraine gave a presentation about her country.

4-H PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A complete copy of this document is available at the Extension Office.

Montana 4-H has developed a policy statement on child abuse and neglect because of concern for the safety and welfare of children. As a youth development program, 4-H must take a firm stand to ensure that children are treated with respect and their safety is guaranteed while participating in programs. In an effort to clarify Montana 4-H's position on this critical issue, the following policies have been adopted for use in all counties:

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT: Montana 4-H, as a division of MSU Extension, abhors violence against children in all forms. Montana 4-H expressly **prohibits** the use of corporal punishment in settings where children are cared for or educated by 4-H volunteers and staff, and supports the use of appropriate disciplinary alternatives. Montana 4-H reaffirms its position that children have a

right to a healthy and nurturing environment at all times. Appropriate disciplinary or corrective action for the offender will be taken when a volunteer or staff member's use of corporal punishment is identified and confirmed.

REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE/

NEGLECT: Sexual, physical, or emotional abuse of children is antithetical to the goals and values of 4-H and will not be tolerated nor condoned in the organization. Child abuse in any form affects a child's life during the abusive period but also affects the child long after he/she has become an adult. It is of utmost importance that suspected child abuse and neglect be reported to appropriate officials so that families have an opportunity to receive assistance. It is policy of this organization that all volunteers who suspect that child abuse or neglect is occurring will make a report to the Department of Health and Human Services.