

4-H News



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January 2008

	<i>No 4-H Council Meeting this month</i>	
3	Beef Quality Assurance Video @ Ext. Office	6-8 pm
5	Beef Weigh-In, Ag Education Center	9:00 am
7	Shooting Sports Committee Meeting	6:30 pm
9	Horse Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
10	KMON Registration due	
11-13	Alberta Leaders Forum, Red Deer, Alberta	
14	Dog Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
16	Country Fair Committee Meeting	5:30 pm
16	Livestock Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
19	KMON Livestock Judging, Great Falls <i>MT Expo Park Fairgrounds</i>	
28	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm

February 2008

	<i>No 4-H Council Meeting this month</i>	
2	Lewis & Clark Shoulder Match in Helena	
4	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
11	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
12	Superintendents Meeting @ Fairgrounds	6:00 pm
13	Horse Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
18	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
20	Livestock Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
25	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm

March 2008

3	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
5	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 pm
6-9	Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum - Boise, ID	
7	Multi-County 4-H Camp Counselor/CIT Applications Due	
10	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
12	Horse Committee Meeting	7:00
15	Drama Festival at Potomac Community Center	10:00 am
17	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
19	Livestock Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
31	Dog Project Outdoor Training Begins	

4-H LIVESTOCK & SMALL ANIMAL INFORMATION

Market beef animals must be born after February 1, 2007.

Market lambs and hogs must be born after February 1, 2008.

Beef Weigh In, Saturday, January 5, 9:00 am

Ag Education Center on South Avenue

If you have not watched the Quality Assurance Video; you will have to watch it with Campbell Barrett *prior* to weighing in your animal. Remember to bring: bill-of-sale, date of birth of your animal, breeder name and address, and \$1.50 (cash) for the brand inspection.

KMON Judging Contests on Fairgrounds in Great Falls, Saturday, January 19

Registration fee is \$3.00 per person. Lunch is available for \$4.00.

Contests: livestock, meats, crops. Go to <http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.php> for registration form and further information.

4-H DOG PROJECT CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes will be held on **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** at the Missoula County Extension Office large meeting room (enter through door on east side of the building), 2525 Santa Fe Court (behind Albertson's on North Reserve).

Your promptness is appreciated

DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG TO THESE CLASSES!!

January 28 - Introduction to Dog Project

February 4 - Dog Behavior & Body Language

February 11 - Terminology & Basic Dog Anatomy

February 18 - Showmanship Guidelines

February 25 - Breed Standards

March 3 - Obedience Guidelines

March 10 - Agility Guidelines

March 17 - Review, Questions & Graduation

P - O - U - L - T - R - Y

Calling all Poultry members! The 4-H Livestock Committee has approved revisions to the poultry project for 2088. The 4-H Council has yet to vote on revisions, however, we do anticipate 4-H Council approval. In 2007, as in past years, it was possible to have five (5) poultry meat pens sell at the Livestock Sale if they met the sale qualifications. This year the top five (5) standard laying pullet pens or meat pens will be offered for sale at the Livestock Sale during the Fair. The total number of pens for sale has not changed; we are simply adding laying pullet pens, due to the increase in interest in raising your own birds for consumption. You may only sell one pen in the auction, either a Layer pen or a Meat pen. Those pens sold will not be returned to the exhibitor.

To Qualify: Pens must contain 3 standard breed layer pullets (female chickens under 1 year of age but older than 4 months). The birds must be the same standard breed and the birds must be comparable in size. The judge will select the top pens. Only the champion, reserve and top three blue ribbon pens as designated by the judge, are eligible for the Livestock Sale. If you would like to raise an auction pen of either kind, and have questions, please contact **Laura DeNitto**, Poultry Superintendent, 273-4645.

In addition, the Poultry Project has some special awards available this year due to the generosity of the **Jane & Garon Smith**. The *new Judge's Choice Awards* are as follows:

Standard Hen, Pullet, Cock or Cockerel, \$10
Reserve Standard Hen, Pullet, Cock or Cockerel, \$5
Bantam Hen, Pullet, Cock or Cockerel, \$10
Reserve Bantam Hen, Pullet, Cock or Cockerel, \$5
Waterfowl, \$10
Reserve Waterfowl, \$5
Turkey, \$10
Reserve Turkey, \$5

We continue to appreciate the sponsorship of the following poultry awards from **Diane and Gordon Sanders**, long-time 4-H supporters:

Grand Champion Poultry Exhibitor, Trophy
Reserve Champion Poultry Exhibitor, Trophy
Champion Senior Poultry Showmanship, Award
Champion Junior Poultry Showmanship, Award

Horse for Sale: Great kid's horse. Gentle, shoes easily, receives shots easily, trail rider, has done endurance, easy keep, 24 year old Arabian mare, \$800/obo. 258-6679.

Bunnies for sale: Netherland Dwarf bunnies, great 4-H project rabbits. Call for more information: 244-0993.

Bunnies to give away: Crossbred bunnies, friendly, make great showmanship rabbits. Call 273-7043 for more information.

SHOOTING SPORTS

County-wide Shooting Sports Meeting, Monday, January 7, 2008, 6:30 pm
County Extension Office, 2825 Santa Fe Court

Jim Dixon, Shooting Sports Committee Chair, will preside over a meeting to find out:

- ▶ shooting sports disciplines offered in each club and how they are being taught
- ▶ determine the need for the Hellgate Shooter's Facility in Milltown
- ▶ if the facility is needed, who will be in charge & training the members
- ▶ any other shooting sports business
- ▶ everyone interested in shooting sports is welcome to attend

Shooting Match in Helena on February 2

This 4-H Shooting Sports "Shoulder Match" is a great chance to get in a warm up prior to the state match in Bozeman. This annual event is growing every year, and this year we are utilizing an even larger building on the fairgrounds to facilitate everyone. The registration materials outline the various Air & Archery categories in which youth can participate, including one opportunity for your better archers to attempt 20 yards instead of the typical 10 meter. To see the registration form and a map to the location, go to <http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H.php>

General Information

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Congratulations to **Brenna Glidewell**, Lolo Creek 4-H Club, who competed in The Montana Farm Bureau Foundation speech contest, in the Junior Division and won first place. . . \$400 plus a \$20 gift card to Cenex!

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Congratulations to **Sam Zeiser**, Ambassador Prospect, Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H Club, for being selected to represent Montana at National 4-H Conference in Washington D.C. the end of March. Three youth and one adult chaperone have been selected.

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Congratulations to **Tyler Marr**, Bear Creek Buckaroos 4-H club, **Sam Zeiser**, Rocky Mountain Packers 4-H club, and **Geoffrey Glidewell** and **Christopher Wiley**, Lolo Creek 4-H club for receiving Heywood Foundation Scholarship awards.



Conservation Districts to Award \$1000 in Scholarships

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) will be awarding two Montana students a \$500 scholarship to assist with their post-secondary education.

Applicants will be judged on academic performance, letters of recommendation, and an original essay about the history of Conservation Districts and natural resources. The deadline for the 2008 MACD Scholarship program is **February 15, 2008** and the competition is open to all Montana High School seniors and post-secondary students.

More details and the one-page scholarship application can be found on the MACD website at www.macdnet.org/macdscholarshipapp.doc or by contacting Sarah Carlson at scarlson@macdnet.org or 406-443-5711.



Photography Project: Watch for changes in this project area. The new 4-H manuals have resulted in changes for the fairbook.



Other 4-H Projects in which to Enroll

Additional 4-H projects that are available for you to sign up for are: llama, cake decorating, Horse Western Games, Horse Trail Ride, Horse Science (vet science specific to horse). If you are interested in any of these, contact your organizational leader to add them.



4-H Drama Festival, Saturday, March 15, Potomac Community Center, 10:00 am

This is a competition between clubs. Each club participating practices performing and directing a play until they are ready to present it before a live audience on March 15th. Plays will be judged, ribbons awarded.



Country Fair Meeting, Wednesday, January 16, 5:30 pm

It is time to get organized creating the 2008 Country Fair. Last year many changes occurred at the Fair including the disbanding of the Fair Board by the County Commissioners. In order to remain a vital part of the Fair we need new ideas, new blood, and new energy to make it happen.



Fairbook: Colleen is in the process of revising the 4-H portion of the fairbook with changes for 2008. If you know of someone who would like to sponsor an award, now is the time to contact Colleen. One area that we know of where we need sponsors is for the two miniature horse showmanship awards.

2007-2008 Club Officers

Bear Creek Buckaroos

President, Isaac Hunter
Secretary, Lindsey Bauck
Historian/Reporter, Makenzie Bauck

Vice President, Dalton Swartz
Treasurer, Kaleigh Charles
Sergeant at Arms, Abby Mytty
& Kirby Everson

Blue Mountain

President, Brooke Cather
Secretary, Cameron Rys-Sikora
Sergeant at Arms, Summer Parrish

Vice President, Brady Cather
Treasurer, Seth Foster
Webmaster, Samantha Manley

Clinton Kodiaks

President, Zachary Miessner
Secretary, Ashley Hooper

Vice President, Jamey Gow
Treasurer, Katie Patton

El Toro Springs

President, Ronie LeRette
Secretary, Ashlynn Stacy

Vice President, Tara Ratliff
Treasurer, Ryan Ratliff

Frenchtown Valley

President, Lisa Henderson
Secretary, Leslie Fish
Sergeant at Arms, Mason Birgenheier

Vice-President, Chelsea Bagnell
Treasurer, Colby Birgenheier

Garden City Sowers

President, Ariel Brinda
Secretary, Hannah Zarr
Historian, Sarah Zarr

Vice President, Abby Brinda
Treasurer, Max TeSoro
Reporter, Maria TeSoro

Lolo Creek

Co-Presidents:, Geoffrey Glidewell & Christopher Wiley
Secretary, Brenna Glidewell
Treasurer, Ross Mangun
Game & Treat Coordinator, Alisha Wiley

Missoula Meadowlarks

President, Raven Dryden
Secretary, JJ Licitra
Historian, JJ Licitra
Recreation Leader, Spencer Reh

Vice President, Sadie Reh
Treasurer, Spencer Reh
Song Leader, Sadie Reh

Nu Hope

President, Kyle Doyle
Secretary, Garret Hueffed

Vice Pres/Treas, Dylan Landais
Rec Leader, Morgan Landais

Petty Mountain Trackers

President, Lyndi Ishler
Secretary, Chloe Lehl

Vice President, Olivia Lausch
Treasurer, Hailey Hagan

Potomac Valley

President, Tana Thurston
Secretary, Samantha Copp
Sergeant at Arms, Taylor Pfister

Vice President, Codi Allen
Treasurer, Sam Hall
Reporter, Rachael Cheff

Rocky Mountain Packers

President, Sarah Bush
Secretary, Kylie Tromp
Historian, Sam Zeiser
Birthday Committee, Alyssa Morris

Vice President, Katrina Leischner
Treasurer, Jacob Moran
Treat Committee, Ryan Handley

Seeley Lake Trailblazers

President, Jackie Teague
Secretary, Shelby Holmes
Historian, Hope Crowell

Vice President, Miranda Dupree
Treasurer, Sidney Johnson