



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

**July - August
2011**

MQA (Market Quality Assurance)

Fallon and Carter County MQA rule:
Market Quality Assurance will be held at least once a year to be attended by first year 4-H members in livestock projects and again as a senior 4-H livestock member to be eligible to sell your market animal at fair. 4-H and FFA members who wish to participate in Steer of Merit or any carcass competition must participate every other year.

You may access an online MQA course created and endorsed by Nico. Included in the online course is a quiz that needs to be printed out, completed, signed by yourself and your guardian and returned to the Extension Office on or before **August 1, 2011** if you wish to sell your animal at the fair.

The online site is:
<http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/MTQualityAssurance.pdf>

FAIR BOOKS

If you have not done so already, please stop by your Fallon/Carter County Extension Office and pick up your new 2011 Fallon County Fair book and/or your new 2011 Carter County Fair book.

These fair books are also available from your county fair secretaries and Carter County's fair books may be found at most of Ekalaka's local businesses.

Montana 4-H



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**This newsletter and all
applications/registrations it refers
to may be found on our
Fallon-Carter Extension 4-H
Website**

<http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/4H.html>



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The following is a directory of your Fallon and Carter County 4-H programs. If wish to have your views and concerns known, please contact the people in the appropriate areas.

CARTER COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

Current Carter County 4-H Ambassador Program

Senior Ambassador	Emma Guyer
Junior Ambassador	Ellen Guyer
Ambassador Key Leader	Mardee Guyer

Current Carter County 4-H Council Officers

President	Mikel Fruit
Vice-President	Gail Brence
Secretary	Sandra Butler Hildreth
Treasurer	Sharon Higgins
4-H Foundation Rep	Sharon Higgins

Current Carter County 4-H Club Organization Leader/Club contact

Prairie Pals	Gail Brence
Country Kids	Ronda Bonsell
Gumbo Gophers	Terri Raye McInerney
Shooting Stars	Dane Castleberry
Cactus Kids	Thebea Thomas
Puptown Wranglers	Mikel Fruit

Current Carter County Committee Chairmen

Livestock contracts	Sandra Butler Hildreth
Scholarship	Noralla Thomas
Congress/Ambassador selection	Thebea Thomas
Joint 4-H/FFA	Gail Brence
Trophy	Sharon Higgins
Calendar	Sharon Higgins

FALLON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

Current Fallon County 4-H Ambassador

Senior Ambassador	Lexyn Walker
Junior Ambassador	Kalli Post
Ambassador Key Leader	Jule Walker

Current Fallon County 4-H Council Officers

President	Roddy Rost
Vice-President	William Benner
Secretary	Jenny Dukart
Treasurer	Julie Post
4-H Foundation Rep	Julie Post

Current Fallon County 4-H Club Organization Leader/Club contact

Country Pals	Faye Koenig
Red Butte Ramblers	Carol Sparks
Fertile Prairie	Norton Walker
Tumbling Tumbleweeds	Cynthia Tronstad
Outlaws	Penney Kono
FC Shooting Sports	Penney Kono
Country Cousins	Roy Rost

Current Fallon County Committee Chairmen

Livestock	Norton Walker
Publicity	Lexyn Walker
Foundation	Julie Post
Fruit Sales	Faye Koenig
Scholarship	Wanda Pinnow
Food Booth	Jolinda Allerdings
Budget	Executive Committee
Fair Awards	Cindy Irgens
Congress Selection	Penney Kono
Special Awards	Carol Sparks



Please go to our Extension website
<http://www.falloncounty.net/extension/index.html>
 MEETING MINUTES * EVENT
 REGISTRATION FORMS * NEWSLETTERS
 * AND MUCH MORE.....

Sharon will be in the Ekalaka Extension Office the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month.

PROJECT LABELS

Fallon and Carter County Fair Indoor Project exhibitors, be sure to fill out labels which have a blank for your age, project level, and the number of years you have been in the project level. This is a sample label:

Age _____ Project Level _____
Years in Project _____
Years in Level _____

The label should be placed on the back of your entry tag. Several labels for each fair exhibitor are enclosed in your Fair Packet. If you need more labels, contact your Extension Office.

BILL OF SALES

All **Carter County** Market Beef members are required to have a bill of sale turned into Sharon Schwartz at the time your market steer is weighed in at Carter County Fairgrounds in **Ekalaka**.

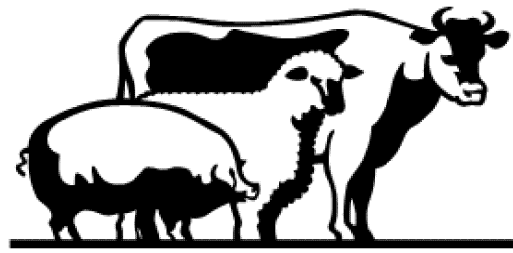
All **Fallon County** Market Beef members are required to have a bill of sale turned into Sharon Schwartz the time your market steer is weighed in.

Bills of Sale will be included in your fair packet and available at the scales during the fairs.

CATS & DOGS

All cats must be on a leash or in a carrier. Members must attach a current vaccination record of your cat to your fair entry form.

All dogs must be on a leash. Members must attach a current vaccination record of your dog to your fair entry form if you have not turned one into the Extension office by fair time.



HERDSMAN AWARDS

Carter County

Herdsman awards will be given to the top individual youth who exhibit outstanding care of their project animal and their stall during the Carter County Fair.

Fallon County

Herdsman awards will be given to the top individual youth who exhibit outstanding care of their project animal and their stall during the Fallon County Fair for their livestock entries in Horse, Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry and Rabbit during the Fallon County Fair.

The following criteria is what herdsman awards will be based on:

Identification of club & animal: club name, sign, originality, creative. Placing displayed.

Equipment & feed orderly; bedding area clean; hay waste and manure hauled to central disposal area.

Cleanliness and grooming of animal

Walk area clean and well kept.



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CARTER COUNTY FAIR ENTRY GUIDELINES

Both Carter County and Fallon County 4-H members can enter the Carter County Fair. Members are asked to turn in their entry sheets by **8:00 pm Wednesday, Aug 10** to your Carter County Fair Secretary. Members will pick up entry tags and find out your exhibitor number from the Fair Secretary. Write your age, project level, year in project and year in this level on the tag or on the peel & stick label.

Read your fair book to find a judging schedule for the various projects.

Beef Animals may be tied with a neck tie in the Cattle Barn if you deem necessary.

All Carter County Market Animals receiving a ribbon in Market Classes will be allowed to sell at the Livestock Sale, regardless of ribbon color earned. All Market Beef are required to have a bill of sale turned into Sharon Schwartz at the time the animal is weighed.

Any member entering Open Class Livestock must turn in an entry sheet before the fair. 4-H and FFA exhibits are not eligible to be entered into Open Class animal classes.

Please contact your fair secretary with any questions or suggestions

Please indicate on your entry blanks, pens and/or stalls and how many you will need for your animals you will be entering in both 4-H and Open Class.



FAIR ENTRY FORMS

When you turn in your entry form it will be considered complete. If you are unsure if you will exhibit in a certain class, please write it down anyway. It can be scratched but not added on later.

Carter County fair entry forms are due into the Carter County Fair Secretary's Office on or before **8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 10, 2011.**

Fallon County Fair entries are due into the Fallon County Extension office on or before **5:00 p.m. Monday, August 8, 2011.** All livestock exhibitors must complete the arena user release and return it with your entry form to exhibit a live animal at the Fallon County Fair this year.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING IN MILES CITY

This event will be held at the MC Livestock Yards, July 22 with registration starting at 8 a.m. and the contest at 9 a.m.

There will be several classes of livestock and Some great prizes; leather notebooks, hats, flashlight, and many more.

The cost to participate is \$5!

**This judging is sponsored by:
Montana Farmers Union
Cow-Town Ag
Murdochs
Westfeeds
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Cowtown Ag.**



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CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City hosts a Champion of Champions Show during their fair. Entries must have received the champion ribbon or best of class blue ribbon at their local fair in certain classes to be entered in the Eastern Montana Contest.

Entries must be filed with the Miles City fair office by 3:00 pm on **Thursday, August 25.**

One champion, reserve, blue, red, and white ribbon will be awarded in each lot. Premiums will be champion \$5, reserve \$4, blue \$3, red \$2, and white \$1.

Your 4-H Assistant will contact you if your local fair entry is eligible for this contest and offer to deliver your entry to Miles City for you if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS TREATED TO BREAKFAST

This year, Equity Cooperative and CHS Nutrition of Baker will again sponsor a breakfast for Fallon County Livestock project members and their families on **Saturday, August 20.** Tickets for Fallon County 4-H and FFA members can be found in your Fair Packet and can be presented at the 4-H Food Booth in the Livestock Pavilion from **6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** Carter County 4-H and FFA members exhibiting livestock in the Fallon County Fair, who do not receive tickets in their fair packet, need to contact Sharon Schwartz for their tickets.

Each ticket is good for a breakfast comprised of pancakes, sausage, eggs and your choice of coffee or juice which is furnished by Equity Co-op Association and CHS Nutrition of Baker. **Remember to thank them for their support of 4-H and FFA.**

FAIR AWARDS CEREMONIES

Carter County A special awards ceremony will be held in the show arena on the Carter County Fairgrounds beginning at **1:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14.** All 4-H and FFA members receiving fair trophies and awards will be recognized at this time with the exception of the Herdsman Awards which will be announced later Sunday afternoon.

Please note that the Carter County Birthday calendar picture will be taken just prior to this awards ceremony.

Fallon County This special awards ceremony will be held near the flag pole located East of the Exhibit Hall beginning at **11:30 am on Sunday, August 21.** All 4-H and FFA members receiving fair trophies and awards will be recognized at this time. The ceremony will be moved inside if the weather is bad.



CARCASS DATA

Every effort will be made to gather the carcass data on every market steer possible. This data will then be sent into the state and entered into the Steer of Merit competition, if the member is up to date on the Market Quality Assurance program.

Please note that all 4-H and FFA Market Steers not slaughtered immediately after the close of the fair, must be re-weighed. **The last date to grade carcasses and have data eligible for any state competition is September 1, 2011.**



CARTER COUNTY SILENT AUCTION

Open only to 4-H, FFA and
FCCLA
Indoor Exhibits

Items for this event will need to be identified on the entry form. Write the words Silent Auction Item after description of item.

Entries for this event will be entered in the fair as you would normally, receiving ribbons and premiums. Items will be identified by a colored and numbered card attached to the entry tag.(the colored/numbered card will be furnished and attached by fair officials).

The bidding will be in increments of \$1.00 and the highest bidder at the end of the auction will take home the item after payment.

The auction will run from **8:00 am Friday until Sunday at 2:00 pm**. Items may be paid for and picked up after 5:00 pm Sunday.

A full explanation of the silent auction is in your fairbook.

SHOWMANSHIP

All Fallon and Carter County 4-H members entering showmanship and winning, a Grand Champion or a Reserve Champion ribbon are eligible to advance on to the Round Robin Showmanship. The two top showmen in The Senior Showmanship and the Junior Showmanship category will be asked to advance on to the Round Robin, thus creating a more accurate competition for the top livestock showman



FALLON COUNTY SILENT AUCTION

Open only to 4-H
Indoor Exhibits

Items for this event will need to be identified on the entry form after the description of item.

Entries for this event will be entered in the fair as you would normally, receiving ribbons and premiums. Items will be identified by a colored and numbered card attached to the entry tag.

The bidding will be in increments of \$1.00 and the highest bidder at the end of the auction will take home the item after payment.

The auction will run from **1:00 pm Saturday until Sunday at 3:00 pm**. Items may be paid for and picked up after 5:00 pm Sunday.

A full explanation of the silent auction is in your fairbook.



ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP TIMES

Carter County

Set to follow the Carter Co. Fair Beef Show
Saturday morning at about 11:00 am.

Fallon County

Scheduled to begin at **8:00 am on Saturday morning** of the Fallon Co. Fair.



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FALLON COUNTY 4-H PROJECT AWARDS

All members wishing to apply for a 4-H project award must complete an application and return it to the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before 5:00 pm Wednesday, **September 14, 2011**.

This year you have another option in applying for a county project award. You may contact your Fallon/Carter Extension Office either by phone or in person on or before 5:00 pm Wednesday, **September 14, 2011** requesting an interview on your project/s. Interviews will be held within two weeks with a schedule being made when the number of applicants is known.

KAREN LOSING MEMORIAL

The Karen Losing Memorial recognition will be given to one Fallon County 4-H boy and 4-H girl. Each club will submit the name of a boy and a girl who has experienced "Hard Luck" during the year. The clubs must write a paragraph explaining each nomination's "Hard Luck". Consider the 4-H member's work for the entire year. Nominations are due in the Extension Office on or before **September 1, 2011**.

FALLON COUNTY FAIR

The theme for the 2011 Fallon County Fair and Parade is "The New View".

This theme will also be used by the youth exhibitors in the livestock barn and should result in many wonderful entries and displays.

JOURNALS

Fallon County 4-H members are required to turn in their journals to their Extension Office on or before **Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 5:00 pm** to be eligible for project completion discs and project awards.

Carter County 4-H members are required to turn in their journals to their Extension Office or 4-H Leader to be reviewed for county awards and completion of the 4-H year. **The deadline will be the day of the 4-H Council Meeting usually held during the first week of October.**

Remember, journals must be turned in for you to receive credit for the 4-H year. (last date to receive credit for the 4-H year is October 1, 2011.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Fallon County members please refer to pages 37-38 of your Policies and Procedures book for a complete explanation and guidelines.

Carter County members receive completion discs and special awards based on the information in their journals. The journals are reviewed at the October 4-H Council Meeting.

CARTER COUNTY DAYS OF '85 FAIR & RODEO

"Let The Games Begin" is the theme for the 2011 Carter County Days of '85 Fair and Rodeo.



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IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

July 2011 Calendar

- 22 Miles City Livestock Judging
- 27 4-H Regional Small Animal Judging Day

August 2011 Calendar

- 1 Deadline for Market Animal Project members to complete MQA
- 8 Fallon County Fair entry forms due by 5:00 pm
- 10 Carter County Fair entry forms due by 8:00 pm
- 10 Fallon County 4-H Member journals must be up to date in order for the member to exhibit at the Fallon County Fair
- 11-14 Carter County Days of '85 Fair & Rodeo
- 13 Carter County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Sale at 3:00 pm
- 14 Carter County Fair Awards Program beginning at 1:00 pm
- 17-21 Fallon County Fair
- 20 Equity Co-op and CHS Nutrition Appreciation Breakfast
- 20 Fallon County 4-H/FFA Youth Livestock Sale at 4:30 pm
- 21 Fallon County Fair Awards Program beginning at 11:30 am
- 25-28 Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City, MT

Fallon & Carter
Counties

September 2011

- 1 Karen Losing Memorial "Hard Luck" nominations due
- 1 Last date to have any carcasses graded and data eligible for any state competition.
- 14 Fallon County 4-H journals and Project Award Applications/interviews are due into the Extension Office

October 2011

- 1 Last date to turn in journals and receive credit for the 2010-2011 4-H year
- ?? Carter County 4-H Journals are due into the Extension Office or a 4-H leader before the Sept/Oct 4-H Council Meeting

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