



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

January 2008

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

January 1

- Possession date and project sign up deadline for both Fallon and Carter Co. Market Steer project members.

January 6

- Fallon County Market Steer Weigh-In

January 9

- Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting

January 16

- Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting

January 17

- Carter County 4-H Council Meeting

January 30

Americanism Program at BHS

CARTER COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS

The Carter County 4-H Shooting Sports Program will be starting in January. Shooting practices for this project will be held in the fair grounds exhibit hall in Ekalaka. All youth interested in enrolling in this project need to contact Sharon Schwartz or Dane Castleberry by **January 10**. Youth must be enrolled in the project before they will be allowed to shoot.

Montana 4-H



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County Extension Agent

Sharon Schwartz
Extension 4-H Assistant



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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	None
Junior Ambassador	Leva Bonsell
Ambassador Key Leader	Sharon Schwartz

Current Carter County 4-H Council Officers

President	Mikel Fruit
Vice-President	Gail Brence
Secretary	Cynde Cole
Treasurer	Sharon Higgins

Current Carter County 4-H Club

Organization Leader/Club contact

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

Current Carter County Committee Chairmen

Livestock contracts	Mikel Fruit
Scholarship	Mikel Fruit
Congress/Ambassador selection	Mardee Guyer
Joint 4-H/FFA	Michelle Keith
Trophy	Sharon Higgins
Calendar	Sharon Higgins
Budget	Executive Committee

FALLON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

Current Fallon County 4-H Ambassador Program

Senior Ambassador	Regan Walker
Junior Ambassador	None
Ambassador Key Leader	Jule Walker

Current Fallon County 4-H Council Officers

President	Norton Walker
Vice-President	Penney Kono
Secretary	Faye Koenig
Treasurer	Tom Sparks

Current Fallon County 4-H Club

Organization Leader/Club contact

Country Pals	Faye Koenig
Red Butte Ramblers	Carol Sparks
Fertile Prairie	Marvel Murphy
Tumbling Tumbleweeds	Wanda Pinnow
Outlaws	Penney Kono
FC Shooting Sports	Penney Kono
Country Cousins	Roy Rost

Current Fallon County Committee Chairmen

Livestock	Promise Miller
Publicity	Regan Walker
Foundation	Tom Sparks
Fruit Sales	Faye Koenig
Scholarship	Carol Sparks
Food Booth	Toni Reetz
Fair Awards	Promise Miller
4-H Fun Day	Penney Kono
Fair Revisions	Promise Miller
Livestock Sale	William Sparks
Special Awards	Carol Sparks



Youth Starts with You

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



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FALLON COUNTY MEETINGS

The Livestock Committee will meet Wednesday, **January 9, 2008** beginning at 5:15 pm in the basement conference room of the courthouse.

The Fallon County 4-H Council will meet Wednesday, **January 16, 2008** beginning at 7:00 pm in the basement conference room of the courthouse.

CARTER COUNTY MEETING

The Carter County 4-H Council will meet Thursday, **January 17, 2008** beginning at 4:00 pm in the backroom of the Wagon Wheel Café.

Please come and help complete the Carter County Committee list with names of 4-H leaders and members, hold election of officers and examine the constitution.

ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

Market Beef	January 1
Horse	May 1
Rabbits & Poultry	July 1
All other animals	June 1

All Fallon and Carter County 4-H Youth wishing to take a Market Animal Project **must** have possession of their animal and be enrolled in the project on or before the possession dates listed above.

All Carter County Youth enrolled in a Market Project, must call the Extension Office prior to the possession date with an identifying tag number and a description of their animal.

No Exceptions!

**The Fallon County Market Steer weigh-in
for all Fallon County Youth with Market Steers
will be held Sunday, January 6, 2008 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
at Baker Livestock.**



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MAILING ADDRESSES

Please check over the address this newsletter was sent to. If your mailing address has changed in any way, please let the Extension Office know.

NEW 4-H YEAR

Welcome to a new year in your Carter and Fallon County 4-H Programs. For some of you this will be your first newsletter. Please read this newsletter for valuable information on the local, state and national level pertaining to 4-H matters. Many of the articles will only have a small part of the information available. If any topic is of interest to you, please contact your Extension Office for more information. Your Fallon/Carter Extension Service will print and send a newsletter each month. Special mailings will also be sent when information with a deadline is received by the office after the newsletter has been printed.

The Extension online site also contains information and is located at:

<http://falloncounty.net/extension/>

SHARING MONTANA'S TREASURES

5000 ornaments are needed to decorate the tree that Montana is providing for the Nation's Capitol Christmas Celebration in 2008. Please discuss at your club meetings how many ornaments you would like to make and inform your Extension Office of the numbers. For ideas and more information visit

<http://www/fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/>

MONTANA ADVANCED YOUTH MARKET BEEF PROGRAM

The Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Program will be offered again for the 2007-2008 4-H year. In this program, youth between the ages of 12 and 19 feed a pen of 3 market steers. The pen of 3 steers are weighed and tagged locally by January 15, 2008 to get an initial weight. The steers are fed until June 4, 2008 at which time there will be a live show at Midland Bull Test in Columbus. From Columbus, the steers are shipped directly to a commercial processing facility in Greeley, Colorado to be sold on a quality and yield grade basis.

The purpose of the Montana Advanced Youth Market Beef Project is to offer a program that is better aligned with current beef genetics and the cattle feeding industry of today. The main focus is to expand youth knowledge of animal science, consumer demands, and the competitive feeding industry.

Interested youth should contact the Extension Office at 778-7110 prior to January 15th to enroll in this program. Each participant will receive three panel ear tags to identify the pen of 3 steers. The number of participants is limited to 15, so enroll early for this program.

Previous local youth who have participated have been Jessica Kirschten and Jalyn Walker.

PHOTOGRAPHY MEETING

A Photography Project meeting will be held Monday, **January 28, 2008** beginning at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Fallon County Library. For more information contact Jolinda Allerding at (406) 772-5882.



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IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

January 2008

- 1 Possession date and project sign up deadline for both Fallon and Carter Co. Market Steer project members
- 6 Fallon County Market Steer Weigh-In
- 9 Fallon County 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Last date for the weighing and tagging of Advanced Youth Market Beef
- 16 Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting
- 17 Carter County 4-H Council Meeting
- 28 Photography Project meeting beginning at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Fallon County Library
- 30 Americanism Program held at the Baker High School

February 2008

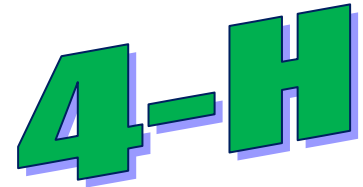
- 1 Teen Leadership Project plans due into your Extension Officers
- 1 People Partner Grant Applications due into the State 4-H Office
- 1 Applications due into the State 4-H Office for Citizen Washington Focus Trip
- 1 Applications for Susan Kay Dufner Memorial Scholarship due into State 4-H Office

March 2008

- 11 4-H Camp Needmore Teen Counselor Applications due

April 2008

- 4-6 2008 Rec Lab in Billings, MT



PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS

People Partners is a program that offers financial support to groups and individuals to work with people. Its' purpose is to provide incentives and financial support to programs that will enhance the quality of living for people in a community.

If your club has a community service project they are interested in doing and needs money to complete it, I would encourage you to apply. Application forms are available at your Extension Office. These applications are due in the State 4-H Office on or before February 1, 2008.

The 4-H Pledge

I Pledge
My Head to Clearer Thinking
My Heart to Greater Loyalty
My Hands to Larger Service
And My Health to Better Living,
For My Club,
My Community,
My Country,
And My World...



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