



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

2012 January

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 every month. Special mailings will also be sent to organizational leaders 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://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/4H.html>

CLOVERBUDS

The **Fallon and Carter County 4-H Cloverbuds** will begin meeting the first part of **January**. Cloverbuds is a special 4-H program designed for youth 6-8 years of age with activities that are fun, hands-on and discovery oriented.

For more information and/or an enrollment sheet for Cloverbuds, please call your Extension Office at 778-7110.

Montana 4-H



Elin Westover

*Fallon/Carter County
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FALLON-CARTER EXTENSION IS NOW ON FACEBOOK

**For all current 4-H notifications,
pictures and valuable information,
please visit**

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/FallonCarter-County-Extension/125447870879423>.

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

Junior Ambassador	Ellen Guyer
Ambassador Key Leader	Mardee Guyer

Current Carter County 4-H Council Officers

President	Mikel Fruit
Vice-President	Gail Brence
Secretary	Cam LaBree
Treasurer	Sharon Higgins
4-H Foundation Rep	Sharon Higgins

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

Prairie Pals	Mardee Guyer
Country Kids	Ronda Bonsell
Gumbo Gophers	Terri Raye McInerney
Shooting Stars	Mike Malenovsky
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 Program

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	Jayne Lowery

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

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...



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



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ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

Market Beef.....	February 1
Horse	May 1
Breeding Beef, Goats, Sheep , Swine, Dog & Cat	June 1
Rabbits & Poultry	July 1

All Fallon and Carter County 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.

No Exceptions!

2011-2012 FALLON COUNTY AND CARTER COUNTY MARKET STEER TAGGING & WEIGH-IN

The Carter County Fair will be August 9th – 12th, 2012 and the Fallon County Fair will be August 15th – 19th, 2012. All youth are **required** to bring their Market Beef animals to the Weigh-In if they wish to show and sell their market animal at their respective county fair, unless prior arrangements are made **before** Friday January 27, 2012. All steers will be weighed and tagged. We will also be taking hip height measurements and will take a picture of youth and their 4-H/FFA Market Beef Project. Steers will **need to be able to be controlled** during this process to protect the safety of youth and adults.

Fallon County Beef Weigh-In – Saturday, January 28th at 9:00 a.m. with a mandatory Workshop to follow. (*C & D Cattle Company Scale – Baker, Montana*)

Carter County Beef Weigh-In – Saturday, January 28th – 1:00 p.m. with a mandatory Workshop to follow. (*Byrne Scale – Ekalaka, Montana*)

** Organization Leaders will be contacted if there is inclement weather.
Back-up Date for Beef Weigh-In will be Saturday, February 4**

We ask that all 4-H members bring their 4-H Record Books with them! We encourage youth to also bring the following information to the Weigh-In; your animal's birth date, your animal's birth weight and the name of the breeder of the animal or who it was purchased from.

If you are a member who is in both 4-H and FFA, you must choose at the time of the Weigh-In which organization you wish to sell your animal under. Family alternate animals do not need to be designated 4-H or FFA. The member is only allowed to sell one market beef at their respective fair.



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FALLON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL AND LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Fallon County Livestock Committee
Wednesday, January 11, 2012
Fallon County Courthouse
Basement conference room**

**Fallon County 4-H Council
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Fallon County Courthouse
Library Basement**

Do You Bleed Green?

A 4-H Leader/Parent workshop will begin at 5:15 pm on January 18th prior to the 4-H Council Meeting. Tara Andrews, Custer County Extension Agent, will be presenting an in depth program on determining the color of your personality and the personalities of the people you work with in and out of 4-H. Exercises and activities will also be included to help you apply your knowledge of personalities to our 4-H Program.

This program is designed for all 4-H Leaders, 4-H Parents (both new and experienced) and anyone who interacts with other people on a daily basis.

Dinner will be furnished

USED 4-H PROJECT MATERIALS

If you have any 4-H project books that are not being used and have not been written in, **PLEASE** return them to the Extension Office. We can re-use them to help keep costs down.

4-H INTERVIEW JUDGING

All Fallon County 4-H Clubs are asked to discuss the possibility of having interview judging regarding the completion of and awards earned for Fallon County 4-H Journals. A decision will be made at the January 18, 2012 4-H Council meeting.

Your Fallon-Carter
Extension Office
wishes you and your
family a joyous



CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The Carter County 4-H Council will meet **Thursday, January 19, 2012** beginning at 4:30 pm in the back room of the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

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.

A 4-H Leader appreciation dinner will be furnished following the council meeting.

Think 4-H

In addition to dinner, your Extension Office will be providing a 4-H Leader/Parent workshop with ideas on how to incorporate 4-H into your life and pre-existing schedules.



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4-H RECORDS

We are starting a new year. What a better time to get off to a great start with your 4-H records. 4-H is an educational program of Montana State University and the land grant system. As an educational program we provide “textbooks” (project manuals). You learn the important information about your project by completing the required number of activities in these project manuals.

Remember that your records are a requirement of your 4-H project.

If you prefer to do your records on the computer go to www.montana4h.org/#resource:Forms.

You will need to save the file in your computer’s windows explorer and then you can type your information into the record each time you have something to add. Record keeping is an integral part of the 4-H learning experiences. They must be kept up-to-date to successfully complete a project. As you obtain your project materials remember that every 4-H member needs to have:

My 4-H Journal This is where you keep track of club meeting attendance, committees, presentation, communications, awards and honors, activities, events and experiences.

Non-Animal Project & Financial Journal

Complete one for each non-animal project you are enrolled in. You will record your goals, what you learned and your income and expenses incurred during the project.

Animal Record & Journal Complete one for each animal project you are enrolled in. You will record your goals, what you learned, feeding record, growth chart, sales record, expenses, health care, breeding record and cost of raising your animal.

HINT:

The best way to keep up-to-date records is to spend 10 minutes at club & project meetings working on them.

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.

Now is the time to begin making plans and discussing this at your 4-H Club meetings. Application forms are available at your Extension Office. These applications are due in the State 4-H Office on or before **February 1, 2012.**



SHILOH SHARPS RIFLE RAFFLE

Winner will receive a \$2500 gift certificate towards a Shiloh Sharps Rifle

1200 Tickets Sold

\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100

Drawing **June 17, 2012**

Contact the Extension Office for more information

Fallon County 4-H Fruit Sales

The Fallon County 4-H programs annual fruit sales will be soon upon us. Club organizational leaders will be receiving information soon to pass on to their members.

Fruit sales traditionally begin February 1st and end February 29th.



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Livestock Quality Assurance

4-H members are invited to attend MSU Extension's Winter Series **January 17th in Ekalaka** or **January 18th in Baker**. Dr. John Paterson, MSU Beef Extension Specialist will be doing a presentation on Beef Cattle Quality Assurance and Animal Welfare. Beef Quality Assurance is much more than ensuring injections are administered properly and in the right location. In the livestock industry, youth and adult producers must raise their animals with both the final consumer as well as the rest of the industry in mind. Dr. Paterson will talk about the keys to producing a high quality product. 4-H youth, parents and leaders are invited to attend Dr. Paterson's presentation. This program will meet the requirement for Livestock Quality Assurance for youth, and adult livestock producers will have the opportunity to receive initial Beef Quality Assurance certification or BQA recertification. Please RSVP by **January 11th** if you plan on attending for all or part of the Winter Series.

Please note that the online training course will no longer be available. 4-H youth must attend at least one Livestock Quality Assurance program their first year with a livestock project and again as a senior 4-H livestock members to be eligible to sell your animal at fair. 4-H and FFA members who wish to participate in Steer of Merit, Swine of Excellence or Montana Certified Lamb carcass contests must participate in a Livestock Quality Assurance Program every other year.



MSU EXTENSION WINTER SERIES RSVP by January 11th

Tuesday, January 17th Ekalaka-St. Joan of Arch Catholic Church

4:00–5:00 pm	Adam Sigler- Water Quality
5:00–6:00 pm	Lee Manske- Healthy Grasslands
6:00–6:30 pm	Supper
6:30–7:00 pm	Elin Westover-Calving Clinic
7:00–8:00 pm	John Paterson- Beef Quality Assurance & Animal Welfare

Wednesday, January 18th Baker – Thee Garage

11:00 am-12:00 pm	Adam Sigler- Water Quality
12:00–1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00–2:00 pm	Lee Manske- Healthy Grasslands
2:00–3:00 pm	Roger Ashley- Crop Rotation
3:00–4:00 pm	John Paterson- Beef Quality Assurance & Animal Welfare



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Volunteer, Help make the decisions, Make a difference!!
Please volunteer for a committee on or before the January 4-H Council Meeting.
2011-2012 CARTER COUNTY 4-H COMMITTEES

1. Livestock Contracts Committee: Go over livestock contracts. Take applications and decide to whom the contracts should be awarded. Applications should be postmarked on or before April 15, 2012.

Committee to select recipients: (3 leaders)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

2. Scholarship: Take applications from graduating senior 4-H members and approve awarding of the scholarship. Committee to meet before graduation, 2012. This committee is a set committee with one new member each year: 1. Sharon Higgins 2. Noralla Thomas 3. _____

3. Congress Selection: Following member requirements, contest area qualifications, and using member applications: committee will select 4-H members to attend 4-H Congress at MSU for 2012. Deadline for applications is All Events Day. Committee members are not to be parents of Congress eligible members.

(Sharon Schwartz, Elin Westover, and four leaders)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

4. Budgeting: To compile a budget for the Carter Co. 4-H Council for the 2011-2012 4-H year.

Executive Officers: 1. Gail Brence 2. Mikel Fruit 3. Sharon Higgins 4. Cam LaBree

5. County Events:

Fashion Revue Host Host = _____ Date = _____

Communications Host = _____ Date = _____

4-H Foods Festival Host = _____ Date = _____

Livestock Judging Host = _____ Date = _____

Range Fun Host = _____ Date = _____

6. 4-H Members of the Joint 4-H/FFA committee for 2011-2012: This committee will work with the FFA appointees in matters concerning 4-H and FFA jointly. One of these is organizing the livestock sale at the fair, and appointing a social hour committee. (Sharon Schwartz, Elin Westover, 3 members, and 3 leaders) (FFA representatives)

Leaders: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Members 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

7. Trophies: Decide what kind of trophies to give and what areas to give them in. Plan and collect money for them. FFA will be asked to put two members on this committee. (Sharon Schwartz, Elin Westover)

Leaders: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Members 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

8. Calendar: To collect needed data and organize calendar sales. Order new calendars.

1. Sharon Higgins 2. Mardee Guyer 3. Thebea Thomas

December 2011 Calendar

26 Courthouse Closed for Christmas Holiday

January 2012 Calendar

1 Applications due for Citizen Washington Focus trip
 2 Courthouse Closed for New Year's Holiday
 3 Carter County Cloverbud meetings begin
 11 RSVP date for Extension Winter Series
 11 Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting
 17 Fallon County Cloverbud meetings begin
 17 MSU Extension Winter Series in Ekalaka, MT
 18 Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting
 18 Fallon County 4-H Leader/Parent workshop
 18 MSU Extension Winter Series in Baker, MT
 19 Carter County 4-H Council Meeting
 19 Carter County 4-H Appreciation dinner and leader workshop
 28 Fallon and Carter County Steer Weigh-In

February 2012 Calendar

1 Fallon County Market Beef possession date
 1 Last date for 4-H People Partner Grants to be postmarked
 1 4-H Fruit Sales begins
 7 IFYE Delegate to visit schools



March 2012 Calendar

4 Fallon County 4-H Foods Festival

2012 CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Take your 4-H experience to another level through Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF), a six-day intensive summer citizenship program for youth age 14-19. CWF delegates learn about the democratic process and their role as citizens while they experience our nation's capital. Get the inside scoop about how government really works from prominent guest speakers. College-age program fellows lead bill writing workshops, a national issues forum and mock elections and congressional sessions that prepare you for leadership now and in the future. This Washington experience will also include a cultural evening and visits to monuments and museums.

CWF is scheduled for **June 9-16, 2012**. Applications are due **January 1, 2012**. The cost is usually about \$2000 due in two payments. The Susan Dufner scholarship (\$750) is available to one individual age 17 or over meeting the criteria.

For more information and/or applications, please contact your Fallon/Carter Extension Office.