



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

2010 January/February

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 other month (six times a year). 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://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

Montana 4-H



Nico Cantalupo
County Extension Agent

Sharon Schwartz
Extension 4-H Assistant

CLOVERBUDS

The Fallon County 4-H Cloverbuds will begin meeting **January 12, 2010** in the library basement beginning at 4:00 pm and ending at 5:00 pm.

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.

Please go to our Extension website

<http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

MEETING MINUTES *
EVENT REGISTRATION
FORMS * NEWSLETTERS *
AND MUCH MORE.....



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

The following is a directory of your Fallon and Carter County 4-H programs. If you 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	Dylan Mulkey
Ambassador Key Leader	Mardee Guyer

Current Carter County 4-H Council Officers

President	Mikel Fruit
Vice-President	Gail Brence
Secretary	Cynde Cole
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	McKinzi McInerney
Shooting Stars	Dane Castleberry
Cactus Kids	Thebea Thomas
Puptown Wranglers	Mikel Fruit

Current Carter County Committee Chairmen

Livestock contracts	Sandra Butler
Scholarship	Sharon Higgins
Congress/Ambassador selection	Mikel Fruit
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	Tina Koenig
Junior Ambassador	Lexyn Walker
Ambassador Key Leader	Julie Walker

Current Fallon County 4-H Council Officers

President	Roddy Rost
Vice-President	William Benner
Secretary	Carol Sparks
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	Marvel Murphy
Tumbling Tumbleweeds	Jennifer Dukart
Outlaws	Penney Kono
FC Shooting Sports	Penney Kono
Country Cousins	Roy Rost

Current Fallon County Committee Chairmen

Livestock	Mark Kirschten
Publicity	Tina Koenig
Foundation	Julie Post
Fruit Sales	Faye Koenig
Scholarship	Wanda Pinnow
Food Booth	Jolinda Allerdings
Budget	Executive Committee
4-H Fun Day	Penney Kono
Fair Revisions	Jolinda Allerdings
Congress Selection	Penney Kono
Special Awards	Carol Sparks



Youth Starts with You™

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

2009-2010 FALLON COUNTY MARKET STEER TAGGING

The Fallon County 4-H/FFA market steer ownership deadline is **February 1st, 2010**. The following is a list of requirements that you will need to follow in order to show and sell a steer at the 2010 Fallon County Fair:

- You must pick up your steer ear tag at the extension office before the end of business on **Monday, February 1st, 5:00pm** (we use the next business day if the deadline falls on a weekend). Each member may tag a maximum of two steers, including your alternate
- You must have turned in your enrollment form and be signed up for "Market Beef"
- You must give us a description of your steer; i.e. angus X, Hereford X
- You must have completed a 4-H journal from the previous year, unless you are a first time market steer member
- Family alternate steers must be tagged and can be used by any family member regardless if they are tagged 4-H or FFA,
- You must designate which organization you are showing your steer under when you pick up your tags, please contact your FFA adviser for more information

Please note your tags must be picked up by **February 1st**, in order to show and sell a steer at the 2010 Fallon County Fair. Please call the Fallon/Carter County Extension office at 778-7110 if you have any questions.

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.

FALLON CO. ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

Market Beef	February 1
Horse	May 1
Sheep	June 1
Goat	June 1
Breeding Beef	June 1
Stocker/Feeder	June 1
Swine	June 1
Dog	June 1
Cat	June 1
Rabbits & Poultry	July 1

All Fallon County Youth enrolled in a Market Project and/or Horse Project, must contact the Extension Office prior to the possession date.



CARTER CO. ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

Market Beef	January 1
Horse	May 1
Sheep	June 1
Goat	June 1
Breeding Beef	June 1
Stocker/Feeder	June 1
Swine	June 1
Dog	June 1
Cat	June 1
Rabbits & Poultry	July 1

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.



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The Carter County 4-H Council will meet
Thursday, January 21, 2010 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.

FALLON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL AND LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Fallon County Livestock Committee
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Fallon County Courthouse
Basement conference room

Fallon County 4-H Council
Wednesday, January 20, 2010
Fallon County Courthouse
Basement conference room



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, 2010.**

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

To enroll in Shooting Sports you must
be **9 years of age or older on or before
October 1, 2009.** To enroll in Cowboy Action,
you will have to be at least **12 years old on or
before October 1, 2009** and have completed the
4-H Air Rifle Program.

The Fallon and Carter County Shooting
Sports Programs teach their members firearm
safety, parts and maintenance of firearms,
responsibility for themselves & others,
sportsmanship and how to shoot. All Shooting
Sports leaders are state certified.

Disciplines that may be offered this year:

- Archery
- Air rifle
- Shotgun
- 22 rim rifle
- Air pistol
- Muzzle loading
- Cowboy action
- Hunting

Each of these disciplines has rules and
requirements that need to be met. Please
contact your Fallon-Carter Extension Service to
see what disciplines are available in your county
and what these requirements are.

**Youth must be enrolled in 4-H and
Shooting Sports before they will be allowed
to participate!!**

**Fallon County = First Shooting Sports
meeting will be held Tuesday, January 12
beginning at 6:00 pm in the library
basement.**

**Carter County = Currently underway and
shooters will meet every Monday in the
Events Center through mid-February.**

SHILOH SHARPS RIFLE RAFFLE

1200 Tickets Sold

\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100

Drawing June 20, 2010

Contact the Extension Office for more information



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

VOLUNTEER SCREENING & CERTIFICATION DEADLINE

We still need completed Volunteer Screening Certification forms from many of you. Please turn them into your Extension Office as soon as possible.

The Montana State 4-H Office has set a deadline date of **January 15, 2010** for all direct volunteers to be certified through the process. After **January 15, 2010**, individuals may not serve in a direct volunteer capacity until they are approved through the volunteer certification process.

2010 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 12-19, 2010**. Applications are due **February 1, 2010**. The cost is usually about \$1700 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.



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 26th.



AREA LIVESTOCK JUDGINGS

Ag Days Livestock Judging
January 9, 2010
Sidney, MT

Black Hills Stock Show
January 29 – February 7, 2010
Rapid City, SD

DSU Roughrider Judging Contest
February 6, 2010
Dickinson, ND

Contact your Fallon/Carter Extension Service for more information and/or registration forms to these area judgings.

2009 4-H REC LAB IS
SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 16-18
IN CORVALLIS, MONTANA

REC LAB IS DESIGNED FOR
4-H MEMBERS AGES 13-19



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION

INTERNATIONAL 4-H YOUTH EXCHANGE

Former Montana 4-H members, ages 19-30, live and work for 3 months in the country of their choice. Participants leave the US in mid-June and return in either September or December. 2010 Outbound Countries include: Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway. Costs vary depending on what country you choose to visit. The Host family provides you with room, board, and the IFYE program usually provides in-country transportation. Delegates are encouraged to apply for credits through their college. For more information, contact your Extension Office.

2010 DISTRICT 8 4-H MINI-CONGRESS

District 8 Teen leaders are requesting workshop proposals for the 2010 Mini-Congress to be held in Miles City in April 2010. Proposals are welcome from both teens and adults. Workshops should run 45 minutes per session. Contact your Extension Office for a proposal form and/or more information.

2010 EASTERN MONTANA 4-H CAMP

4-H Camp Needmore is scheduled for **June 15-17, 2010**. Teen Counselor Applications are located on our web site and can be either printed off or requested from the Extension Office. **March 10, 2010** is the due date for Teen Counselor Applications.

To apply, you must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2009 and must have completed your freshman year of High School.

4-H PEN PALS

The Camp Zama SAS 4-H Club in Japan is looking for pen pals to correspond with. If you are interested in communicating with them please contact their 4-H club leader, Nick Andrews at nicholas.andrews2@us.army.mil.

MONTANA SILVERSMITHS'

See a sampling of Montana Silversmiths' offerings at <http://www.montana.org/#give4h>.

Any items that have a 4-H clover, 4-H brand or a figure representing a project can be purchased through the 4-H Foundation and you can enjoy a 4-H discount and support 4-H in the process!

"DOIN' TIME" 4-H STYLE

District 5 4-H wants you to save the date!!!

**State 4-H Leadership Forum
Deer Lodge, MT
September 24-25, 2010**

**Great food, great people, lots of workshops,
entertainment and fun.**

**Haunted evening tours at
Historic State Prison.**



**MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY**

EXTENSION

Volunteer, Help make the decisions, Make a difference!!
Please volunteer for a committee on or before the January 4-H Council Meeting.
2009-2010 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, 2010. 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, 2010. This committee is a set committee with one new member each year: 1. Sandra Butler 2. Sharon Higgins 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 2010. Deadline for applications is All Events Day. Committee members are not to be parents of Congress eligible members.

(Sharon Schwartz, Nico Cantalupo, and four leaders)

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

4. Budgeting: To compile a budget for the Carter Co. 4-H Council for the 2009-2010 4-H year.
Executive Officers: 1. Gail Brence 2. Mikel Fruit 3. Sharon Higgins 4. Cynde Cole

5. County Events:

Fashion Revue Host = Fallon Co _____	Date =	TBA
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 2009-2010: 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, Nico Cantalupo, 3 members, and 3 leaders) (FFA representatives)

Leaders: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ (Pam Castleberry)

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, Nico Cantalupo)

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

January 2010 Calendar

- 1 Carter County Market Beef possession date
- 9 Ag Days Livestock Judging in Sidney
- 12 Fallon Co. Cloverbuds
- 12 Fallon County first Shooting Sports meeting
- 13 Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting
- 15 Deadline set by State 4-H to allow you to be a direct volunteer without previously being screened
- 20 Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting
- 21 Carter County 4-H Council Meeting
- 29 Beginning of Black Hills Stock Show

February 2010 Calendar

Fallon County 4-H Fruit Sales the month of February

- 1 Fallon County Market Beef possession date
- 1 Last date for 4-H People Partner Grants to be postmarked
- 1 Applications for Citizenship Washing Focus due
- 6 DSU Roughrider Judging Contest
- 19-21 6th Bi-Annual Equine Leaders Forum

March 2010 Calendar

- 10 Applications due to be a 4-H Camp Counselor

April 2010 Calendar

- 16-18 Montana 4-H Rec Lab

May 2010 Calendar

June 2010 Calendar

- 12-19 Citizen Washington Focus
- 15-17 Eastern Montana 4-H Camp at Camp Needmore

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FALLON/CARTER EXTENSION OFFICE ASAP IF YOU HAVE NOT WATCHED THE HORSE HELMET VIDEO FOR THIS 4-H YEAR BUT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR OR WISH TO SIGN UP FOR A HORSE PROJECT.

Montana State University,
U.S. Department of
Agriculture and Montana
Counties Cooperating.
MSU Extension is an
equal opportunity/
affirmative action provider
of educational outreach.

10 W. Fallon
P.O. Box 850
Baker, MT 59313-0850
www.msueextension.org

Tel (406) 778-7110
Fax (406) 778-3431
Email falloncarter1@montana.edu

Mountains & Minds



MONTANA
STATE UNIVERSITY

EXTENSION