



# Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

2011 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/4H.html>

## CLOVERBUDS

The **Fallon County 4-H Cloverbuds** will begin meeting **January 11, 2011** 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.

## Montana 4-H



Sharon Schwartz  
Extension 4-H Assistant



Please go to our Extension website

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

MEETING MINUTES \*  
EVENT REGISTRATION  
FORMS \* MUCH MORE.....



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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	
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
Scholarship	Noralla Thomas
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	Lexyn Walker
Junior Ambassador	
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

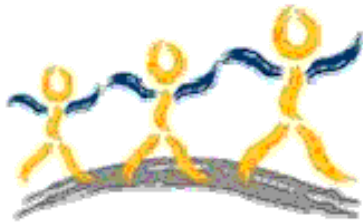
**Current Fallon County 4-H Club**

**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



*Youth Starts with You*

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



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## 2010-2011 FALLON COUNTY MARKET STEER TAGGING

The Fallon County 4-H/FFA market steer ownership deadline is **February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011**. The following is a list of requirements that you will need to follow in order to show and sell a steer at the 2011 Fallon County Fair:

- You must pick up your steer ear tag at the extension office before the end of business on **Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 1<sup>st</sup>**, in order to show and sell a steer at the 2011 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.



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## CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The Carter County 4-H Council will meet  
**Thursday, January 20, 2011** 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.

### 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...

## FALLON COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL AND LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Fallon County Livestock Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 12, 2011**  
**Fallon County Courthouse**  
**Basement conference room**

**Fallon County 4-H Council**  
**Wednesday, January 19, 2011**  
**Fallon County Courthouse**  
**Basement conference room**

## Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum

*January 28-30, 2011*  
*Helena MT*

Mark your calendars for Montana 4-H  
Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum on January  
28-30 in Helena! This is a great event you  
don't want to miss. At the event you will  
network with other leaders from around the  
state, gain new ideas and knowledge, and  
obtain new ideas to take back to your county.  
The Forum features Friday night  
demonstrations of Yoga on Horseback and  
Dog Agility and Herding. There is a great  
lineup of workshops including organic  
agriculture, wool, meat goats, hoof care and  
function, youth agriculture loans, livestock  
judging, horse skill-a-thon and much more!  
Registration materials will be available in  
November. For more information contact your  
Fallon/Carter Extension Office.



## 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, 2011.**



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## MONTANA 4-H CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

Montana Citizenship Seminar is for 4-H members who are 14 years or older as of October 1, 2010. The seminar will be held in Helena **February 27 – March 1, 2011**. This seminar provides 4-H members the chance to learn about state government through workshops and activities which will be held at the Capitol Building and other state buildings. Applications are available at you Fallon/Carter County Extension Office.

## 2011 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS FORUM

Washington state will be hosting the 2011 Western Regional Leaders Forum on **May 7<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**. You will want to start planning now to register for this outstanding leadership learning opportunity combined with the sights of Alaska aboard a cruise ship. The Forum "Crusin' to 4-H Excellence" is an Alaskan Cruise that combines workshops with beautiful sightseeing and cruise ship activities. A schedule of events, a video of the cruise and registration information can be viewed at <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/>

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and end February 28th.

## SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

### Rifle Archery Pistol Coordinator

**When: February 11 & 12**

**Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. on the 11th & 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the 12th**

**Registration Deadline: February 1**

Please contact your Fallon/Carter Extension office for a registration form and agenda. Please note that leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs.

The registration fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders (teens may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline).

The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

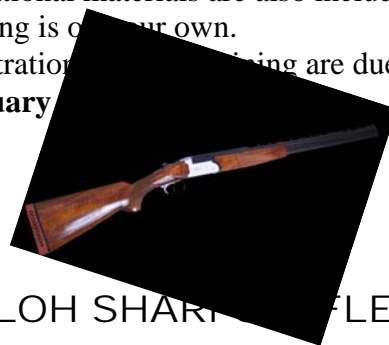
There will be no meal served on Friday night, but lunch is provided on Saturday as part of the registration.

Educational materials are also included.

Lodging is on your own.

Registration and training are due by

**February**



## 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 19, 2011**

Contact the Extension Office for more information



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Montana State University  
Extension:  
4-H Horse Helmet Policy

**Participants (and a parent or guardian) in the 4-H**

**Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up).**

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether or not they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse.

If you have any questions or wish to schedule a viewing of the video, please contact your Fallon/Carter Extension at 406-778-7110.

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RECORD BOOK / FORM  
COMPLETION WORKSHOP

Learn how to fill out record books and share creative journal ideas with each other. Everyone is invited to attend this workshop on **January 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the basement conference room of the Fallon County Courthouse. (prior to the Fallon County 4-H Council meeting)



## 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](http://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.*

Black Hills Stock Show  
Youth Day  
Saturday, January 29, 2011  
Rapid City, SD

Contact your Fallon/Carter Extension Service for more information and/or registration forms.



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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.*  
**2010-2011 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, 2011. 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, 2011. This committee is a set committee with one new member each year: 1. Sandra Butler 2. Sharon Higgins 3. Noralla Thomas

**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 2011. Deadline for applications is All Events Day. Committee members are not to be parents of Congress eligible members.

(Sharon Schwartz, Extension Agent, and four leaders)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Budgeting:** To compile a budget for the Carter Co. 4-H Council for the 2010-2011 4-H year.

Executive Officers: 1. Gail Brence 2. Mikel Fruit 3. Sharon Higgins 4. Sandra Butler

**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 2010-2011:** 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, Extension Agent, 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, Extension Agent)

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 2011 Calendar

- 1 Carter County Market Beef possession date
- 1 Applications for Citizenship Washing Focus due
- 11 1<sup>st</sup> Fallon County Cloverbud meeting for 2011
- 12 Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting
- 18 4-H Legislative Breakfast
- 19 Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting
- 19 4-H Record Book Workshop
- 20 Carter County 4-H Council Meeting
- 20 Deadline to submit Ambassador Prospect Applications for Carter Co.
- 28-30 Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leader's Forum in Helena
- 29 Black Hills Stock Show Youth Day in Rapid City, SD

### Fallon & Carter Counties

### February 2011 Calendar

- 1 Fallon County Market Beef possession date
- 1 Last date for 4-H People Partner Grants to be postmarked
- 1 Fallon County 4-H Fruit Sales begin
- 1 Registration Due for 4-H Shooting Sports leader training in Miles City
- 11-12 4-H Shooting Sports leader training in Miles City
- 27 Fallon County 4-H Foods Festival
- 27-March 1 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

### March 2011 Calendar

- 7-14 2011 Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum
- 20 Fallon County 4-H Livestock Judging

### April 2011 Calendar

- 10 Fallon County 4-H Small Projects Judging
- 13 Fallon County 4-H Livestock Committee meeting
- 20 Fallon County 4-H Council meeting

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U.S. Department of  
Agriculture and Montana  
Counties Cooperating.  
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of educational outreach.



### Fallon County 4-H Food Festival

Sunday, February 27, 2011

All 4-H members are encouraged to participate.

Contact your Extension Office for more details.

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