



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

**July - August
2009**

MQA

(Market Quality Assurance)

If you were unable to attend the previously held programs, 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, 2009** if you wish to sell your animal at the fair.

The online site is:

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

Fallon and Carter County MQA rule:
Livestock 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.

Montana 4-H



Nico Cantalupo
County Extension Agent

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FAIR BOOKS

If you have not done so already, please stop by your Fallon/Carter County Extension Office and pick up your new 2009 Fallon County Fair book and/or your new 2009 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.

This newsletter and all applications/registrations it refers to may be found on our Fallon-Carter Extension Website
<http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

Click on 4-H in the upper left hand corner

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	Leva Bonsell
Junior Ambassador	Emma Guyer
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
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
Budget	Executive Committee

FALLON COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

Current Fallon County 4-H Ambassador

Senior Ambassador	Tina Koenig
Junior Ambassador	Lexyn Walker
Ambassador Key Leader	Jule Walker

Current Fallon County 4-H Council Officers

President	Roddy Rost
Vice-President	Penney Kono
Secretary	???
Treasurer	Tom Sparks
4-H Foundation Rep	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	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	Tom Sparks
Fruit Sales	Faye Koenig
Scholarship	Wanda Pinnow
Food Booth	Jolinda Allerdings & Toni Reetz
Fair Awards	Promise Miller
4-H Fun Day	Penney Kono
Fair Revisions	Promise Miller
Congress Selection	Penney Kono
Special Awards	Carol Sparks



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.

HERDSMAN AWARDS

Carter County

Herdsmen 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

Herdsmen awards will be given to the 4-H Clubs or FFA Chapters who exhibit outstanding care and an eye catching display of their club's livestock entries in Horse, Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat during the Fallon County Fair.

SHIRTS AND PANTS

Your Fallon/Carter Extension Service has pairs of black pants and white shirts for you to have/use. Please ask before purchasing these items just for the fair.

If you wish to donate any show clothes, please contact your Extension Service.

4-H HORSE PLAYDAY

Monday, July 20, 2009

Located in the indoor arena on the Fallon County Fairgrounds.

Registration begins at 5:00 pm

Horse Playday is a
COUNTY EVENT!

All Fallon County 4-H members need to participate in a county event to be eligible to exhibit in the Fallon County Fair. Contact your Fallon Carter Extension Office to check if you have completed a county event for this year or if you still need to attend one.

Only members registered in a 4-H Horse Project are eligible to take part in 4-H Horse Playday.

Contact your Extension Office at 406-778-7110 for rules, entry forms and/or more information. Entry forms will also be available on our web site at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

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 available at the scales during the fairs.



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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 **6:00 pm Wednesday, Aug 5** 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. There will be no interviews this year on your 4-H non-livestock fair exhibits. 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.

The Carter County fair board is looking for sawdust for bedding. Please contact your fair secretary with any questions or suggestions. Please show them your gratitude by saying thank you if you see them or sending them a note.

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.



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.

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 Country fair entry forms are due into the Carter County Fair Secretary's Office on or before **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2009.**

Fallon County Fair entries are due into the Fallon County Extension office on or before **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2009.** 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.



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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 20.**

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.

FOOD BOOTH REMINDERS

1. Wear gloves
2. Do not take money torn in half
3. Do not handle money then food without washing your hands
4. Do not fill coolers with ice
5. Help would be appreciated on Sunday afternoon
6. Please show up for your scheduled shift or find a replacement

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 each category will be asked to advance on to the Round Robin, thus creating a more accurate competition for the top livestock showman

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS TREATED TO BREAKFAST

This year, Equity Cooperative and CHS Nutrition of Baker will again sponsor a breakfast for Fallon County Fair 4-H Livestock Exhibitors and their families on **Saturday, August 15.** 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 10:00 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.**

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.



SILENT AUCTION

New event for the Carter County Fair
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 (time will be printed on bid sheets)**. Items may be paid for and picked up after 5:00 pm Sunday.

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 Steer slaughtered more than five days 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 August 28, 2009.**

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 9**. 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 north of the livestock barn on the Fallon County Fairgrounds beginning at **11:30 am on Sunday, August 16**. 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.

RODEO QUEEN CONTEST

The Baker Cowbelles invite you to enter the 2009 Fallon County Fair Rodeo Queen contest to be held on the Fallon County Fairgrounds **Tuesday, August 11 beginning at 5:00 pm**. The candidates will be competing for prizes and prestige. Awards will be given to the Queen and 1st runner up from the 13 to 19 age group, the princesses and 1st runner up from the 8 to 12 age group, highest horsemanship score, and Miss Congeniality.

This contest is open to anyone living in a surrounding county. The Queen and the Princesses are required to ride in the Grand Entries and in the fair parade. **Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 4, 2009.**

For further information and/or an entry form, contact Janae Crawford at 778-2360 or the Fallon-Carter Extension Office at 778-7110.



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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 9, 2009**.

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 9, 2009** requesting an interview on your project/s. Interviews will be held prior to **September 18, 2009** with schedule being made when 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, 2009**.

FALLON COUNTY FAIR

The theme for the 2009 Fallon County Fair and Parade is "The Fallon County Fair Goes Hollywood".

This theme will also be used by the youth exhibits in the livestock barn and should result in many fun creative 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 9, 2009 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 to be reviewed for county awards and completion of the 4-H year. (**September 17, 2009 by 1:00 pm is an approximate date at this time**)

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, 2009.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Fallon County members please refer to pages 39-40 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 September 4-H Council Meeting.

CARTER COUNTY DAYS OF '85 FAIR & RODEO

The theme for the 2009 Carter County Days of '85 Fair and Rodeo is "Rockin' Around The Fair". This theme will be for the fair parade as well as on the Carter County fairgrounds.



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IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

July 2009

- 14 4-H Small Projects Judging
- 15 Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting
- 20 Fallon County Horse Playday
- 21 Deadline to register for Small Animal Judging
- 29 4-H Regional Small Animal Judging Day

August 2009

- 1 Deadline to turn in MQA Test to the Extension Office
- 4 Fallon County Fair entry forms due by 5:00 pm
- 5 Carter County Fair entry forms due by 6:00 pm
- 6-9 Carter County "Days of 85" Fair & Rodeo
- 11 Fallon County Rodeo Queen Contest
- 13-16 Fallon County Fair & Rodeo
- 20-23 Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City, Montana
- 28 Last date to have any carcasses graded and data eligible for any state competition

Fallon & Carter
Counties

September 2008

- 1 Karen Losing Memorial "Hard Luck" nominations due
- 9 Fallon County 4-H journals and Project Award
Applications/interviews are due into the Extension Office
- 17 Carter County 4-H Journals are due into the Extension Office or
a 4-H leader

October 2008

- 1 Last date to turn in journals and receive credit for the 2008-2009
4-H year

4-H REGIONAL SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING DAY

For all 4-H Members Enrolled in Dog, Rabbit, Poultry, and Cat
Projects

Hosted by Prairie, Custer and Garfield County Extension Offices.

The judging day will take place on **Wednesday, July 29, 2009** at the
fairgrounds in Miles City. Completed registration forms are to be turned in to
the Fallon-Carter Extension Office by **July 21, 2009**

4-H members from across Southeastern Montana are invited to exhibit their
small animals. Contact your Extension Office at 406-778-7110 for rules, entry
forms and/or more information.

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