



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

**MARCH
2008**

**The Fallon County Fruit
Arrives
Wednesday
March 19, 2008**

**@ 8:00 am
Fallon County
Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall**

All leaders and 4-H youth are needed
to help unload the fruit truck.

All fruit will need to be sorted and picked up by 4-H
members on **March 19**.

All fruit monies need to be turned into the Extension
Office no later than **5:00 pm Friday, March 28, 2008**.
If you do not make these deadlines, your 10% will be
donated to the
Fallon County 4-H Council.

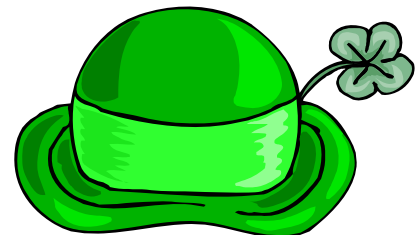
**Please note that
Scholarship information
is included in this
newsletter!**

**Montana
4-H**



**Nico Cantalupo
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 Brencce
Secretary	Cynde Cole
Treasurer	Sharon Higgins

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

Prairie Pals	Gail Brencce
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	Llane Carroll
Scholarship	Sharon Higgins
Congress/Ambassador selection	Thebea Thomas
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.

FALLON COUNTY EVENT PARTICIPATION

All Fallon County 4-H members must participate in a 2007-2008 county event to be eligible to exhibit in the 2008 Fallon County Fair.

The following are recognized county events:

2007 Fall Livestock Judging

Was held September 30, 2007

Communications Day

April 6, 2008

3:00 pm at the Baker Senior Center

Fashion Review & Quilt Show

June 3, 2008

Time and location TBA at a later date

4-H Foods Festival

No date has been set

2008 Spring Livestock Judging

No date has been set

Small Projects Judging

No date has been set

1 Horse Playday

No date has been set

Horse Judging

No date has been set

FALLON CO. 4-H MARKET SHEEP AND SWINE TAGGING

Each 4-H family will be responsible for taking care of their own family's 4-H market sheep and swine tags for the 2007-2008 4-H year.

Each 4-H member must be signed up for Market Sheep and/or Market Swine projects, have possession of their market animal/s by **June 1, 2008** and pick up their animal tags from the Extension Office prior to **June 1, 2008**. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

4-H ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

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

Records must be kept on all project animals from the date of possession until after the County Fair.

Members can't add a livestock project inconsistent with the possession dates.

Members must be enrolled in a livestock project on or before the possession date.

4-H COUNTY AMBASSADORS

Applications for Carter and Fallon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors may be picked up from your Fallon/Carter Extension Office or found in your county's Policies and Procedures Manual. These applications need to be filled out and returned on or before Friday, **April 18, 2008**. Eligible applicants are senior 4-H members currently in the 9th or 10th grades. Please review your Fallon County Policies & Procedures Book or your Carter County Handbook for an explanation of the Ambassador Program and a listing of Ambassador duties.

Current Ambassadors:

Carter Co. Sr. Ambassador	None
Carter Co. Jr. Ambassador	Leva Bonsell
Fallon Co. Sr. Ambassador	Regan Walker
Fallon Co. Jr. Ambassador	None



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4-H CAMP NEEDMORE COUNSELORS

Just a reminder that 4-H camp counselor applications are due into the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before **March 11, 2008**.

A pre-camp training session is tentatively scheduled for **April 27, 2008** in Terry.

Send no payment with the initial counselor application. Once counselors have been selected, they will fill out a regular camp registration form and turn it in with a payment. To apply to be a counselor, you must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2007, and must have completed your freshman year of High School. 4-H Camp dates this year are **June 10-12**.

Contact your Extension Office for more information and/or a camp counselor application.

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab



- Event Date:** April 4th-6th, 2008
- Location:** Metra Park, Billings MT
- Cost:** \$80.00 per participant
- Registration
Due Date:** March 14, 2008

MSU YOUTH HORSEMANSHIP SCHOOL

The 2008 Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School will be held **June 23-27, 2008** in Bozeman, MT. The cost is \$300 per student which includes instruction, lodging, meals and stalls. The deadline for registration is **May 31, 2008** and limited to 50 participants. For more information or registration forms contact your Fallon/Carter Extension Service.

MONTANA LEADERSHIP FORUM

The 2007 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum will be held in Great Falls, MT, **September 26-27, 2008**. This year's theme is "Fall into 4-H". Please mark these dates on your calendar.

The Leadership Forum provides a setting for the gathering of ideas for leaders and junior leaders. Updates on 4-H programming are provided along with recognition for outstanding volunteers. Any adult and teen leader may attend.

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

The 2008 Montana State 4-H Horse Show will be held on **September 12-14** at the Sapphire Event Center in Missoula, MT.

Additional information, including boarding rates and motel information is currently available on the Sapphire Event Center website at <http://www.sapphireeventcenter.com/>.



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STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Douglas A. Dear Memorial Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship, eligible to a senior in high school, preference given to a State 4-H Horse Award Winner.

MT Wheat & Barley Scholarships: Two \$500 scholarships, eligible to 4-H members who have done outstanding work in bread baking, or similar projects utilizing grains and grain products.

MT Agri-Business Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship, eligible to a 4-H member interested in a college education who has a special interest in agricultural business.

N. A. Jacobsen Scholarship: One \$500 scholarship, eligible to a junior or senior enrolled in the College of Agriculture at MSU who is interested in a career with the MSU Extension Service.

MT Meat Processors Association: One \$500 scholarship, eligible to 4-H or FFA member with an interest or background in meat service.

Murdoch's Ranch and Home MT Scholarship: Four \$1,000 scholarships eligible to Montana high school graduates enrolled in college, university or trade school.

Applications are available at your Fallon/Carter Co. Extension Office and due May 1, 2008.

NILE Collegiate Scholarship: Ten \$500 scholarships eligible to 4-H and FFA members graduating from high school in 2008. Application deadline is **April 3, 2008**.

COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Both the Fallon and Carter County 4-H Scholarship applications have been sent to all eligible & current 4-H members graduating from high school. Please note that these applications are due on or before **May 1, 2008**.



JERRY LUND MEMORIAL 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Jerry Lund, a \$1,000 scholarship is being offered annually to a 4-H member. Recipient must reside in Custer, Rosebud, Garfield, Prairie, **Carter**, or Powder River counties. Applications and more information is available from your Extension Office. Applications must be postmarked by **April 15, 2008**.



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STATE PROJECT AWARDS

May 1st is the due date for State Awards Applications. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2007 are eligible to apply.

If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project area. A separate application must be completed and submitted for each project or area in which the member wants to be considered.

State award selection committees look for excellence in work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state award winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July.

Your local Fallon/Carter Extension Office has instructions and applications for Montana State Awards.

FALLON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The 2007 Fallon County Demonstration, Illustrated Talks and Public Speaking Contest will be held Sunday, **April 6, 2007** at 3:00 pm at the **Baker Senior Citizens Center**.

Blue ribbon winning senior members are eligible to compete on the state level at Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman this July.

A registration form is included in this newsletter. Please provide the information on the registration to the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before Tuesday, **April 1, 2008**. This **COUNTY EVENT** will be hosted by the Outlaws 4-H Club.

NOTE: Communication is a valuable skill everyone must master in life. Some are better than others, but this is due mainly to practice and experience. I ask all parents and leaders to encourage club members to participate in Communications Day and learn from this rewarding experience.

COWBOY POETRY ON COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Cowboy Poetry is now a part of Communications Day (**April 6, 2008**). At this time there is no state competition in cowboy poetry to advance on to. Communications Day will be a wonderful opportunity for youth to share their creative writing talents in front of an audience wanting to listen. All Cowboy Poetry participants will be judged and receive recognition for their talents. A registration form for this competition is enclosed with this newsletter. Please complete the registration and return it to the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before Tuesday, **April 1, 2008**



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Fallon County Communications Contest

April 6, 2008

Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks

To be effective, an oral presentation must be concise and flow smoothly. Time guidelines help to establish this effectiveness. Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks generally are not timed and there are no point deductions assessed for being under or over time. However, it will be helpful to follow these recommended time guidelines:

8-10 years old	3-5 minutes
11-13 years old	5-7 minutes
14 and older	7-20 minutes

Public Speaking

The Public Speaking contest is a timed event and a penalty will be assessed if your speech is too short or too long.

8-10 years old	3-5 minutes
11-13 years old	5-7 minutes
14 and older (by Oct. 1)	5-7 minutes

Speech contestants in the Senior Division will be asked to give a 1½ to 3 minute impromptu speech. Senior Division members receiving a blue ribbon on their speech, demonstration or illustrated talk will be eligible to compete at 4-H Congress in Bozeman July 10-13, 2007.

Registrations information is due to Extension Office by April 1, 2008.

Demonstrations

Name: _____ Title: _____ Sr. Jr.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Sr. Jr.

Illustrated Talk

Name: _____ Title: _____ Sr. Jr.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Sr. Jr.

Public Speaking

Name: _____ Title: _____ Sr. Jr.

Name: _____ Title: _____ Sr. Jr.



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COWBOY POETRY GUIDELINES

1. Recite something YOU wrote.
2. Make poem at least 8 lines long.
3. There is no time limit.
4. No free verse. Must be traditional cowboy poetry.
5. Use basic rhyme and meter patterns explained in Cowboy Poetry Youth Project Book (Sec 4 & Sec 8)
6. Youth may work together on poems as long as each person submits one of their own.
7. You do not need to be in the Cowboy Poetry Project to compete.
8. You may enter as many poems as you wish.
9. Please have 3 copies of each poem available at contest. (1 for each judge and 1 for Extension)

COWBOY POETRY SCORE SHEET

(Each category is worth 10 points each with a total of 100 possible points)

1. Lines 1 & 3 or 2 & 4 must follow rhyme patterns from the book.
2. Rhyme and meter.
3. Creativity.
4. The poem must tell a story.
5. Overall presentation.
6. Volume.
7. Voice. (Excitement, facial features, etc.)
8. Must be nature, cowboy, or ranch related
9. Poem must be at least 8 lines long.
10. Having copies of poem for judges to hold.

Cowboy Poetry

Return this portion to the Extension Office on or before **April 1, 2008**

Name: _____ Sr. Jr.

Title of Poem: _____

Name: _____ Sr. Jr.

Title of Poem: _____

Name: _____ Sr. Jr.

Title of Poem: _____



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CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL BEEF BREEDING CONTRACT

The Carter County 4-H Council in cooperation with any 4-H family in Carter County will enter into an agreement with a 4-H member. The Council will study applications and select the recipients. Two contracts will be awarded each year. The purpose is to allow a 4-H member the opportunity to enter the beef breeding project by borrowing \$250 from the 4-H Council to go toward the purchase of a beef breeding animal. This amount of money must be returned to the 4-H Council at the end of the third year no matter what happened to the cow. If for any reason the recipient quits 4-H or leaves the Beef Breeding program during the three years, the \$250 must be returned at that time.

Contact your Extension Office for more information and/or a copy of the contract application to complete. Applications must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2008**.

CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL EWE LAMB CONTRACT

The Carter County 4-H Council in cooperation with any 4-H family in Carter County will enter into an agreement with a 4-H member. The Council will study applications and select the recipients. Three contracts will be awarded each year. The purpose is to allow a 4-H member the opportunity to enter the sheep breeding project by borrowing \$80 from the 4-H Council to go toward the purchase of a purebred white-faced ewe lamb. This amount of money must be returned to the 4-H Council at the end of the third year no matter what happened to the lamb. If for any reason the recipient quits 4-H or leaves the Sheep Breeding program during the three years, the \$80 must be returned at that time.

Contact your Extension Office for more information and/or a copy of the contract application to complete. Applications must be postmarked on or before **April 15, 2008**.

4-H YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY

The Southwest 4-H Youth Activity Day will be held **Saturday, April 12, 2008** at the Bowman County High School in Bowman, ND. This activity day is being organized and coordinated by the NDSU Extension Offices in eight separate counties. Include a fee of \$5.00 with your registration to cover the cost of lunch.

Many fun and educational sessions are planned for youth ages 6-19, volunteers, leaders and parents. Examples of the sessions being offered are animal tracks, egg shell gardening, dancing the Charleston, making noodles, dinosaur fossils, stamping, cake decorating, raccoon circles, spiders, rope halters, garbage into art, lefsa, rockets and many more.

Registrations are available from your Extension Office and will be accepted until **March 25th** or until sessions are full.



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IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

February 2008

- 26 Photography Project meeting 7:00 pm Fallon Co Library
- 29 Fallon County Fruit Sales end and orders are due into the Extension Office

March 2008

- 1 Self-Determined Project Plans Due
- 4 Fallon Co Cloverbuds at 4:00 pm in the Library basement
- 8 Redland Ranch Livestock Judging
- 11 4-H Camp Needmore Teen Counselor Applications due
- 11 Carter Co Cloverbuds at 4:00 pm in the CC Grade School
- 14 Montana 4-H Rec Lab registration due
- 19 Fallon County 4-H Fruit arrives
- 25 Registration due for NDSU Southwest 4-H Youth Activity Day
- 28 Money from your fruit sales must be turned into the Extension Office by 5:00 pm

**Fallon & Carter
Counties**

April 2008

- 1 Fallon Co Communication registration due
- 3 NILE Scholarship applications due
- 4-6 2008 4-H Rec Lab in Billings, MT
- 6 Fallon County Communications Day
- 12 NDSU Southwest 4-H Youth Activity Day
- 15 Carter Co Beef Breeding and Ewe Lamb contracts due
- 15 Jerry Lund Memorial 4-H Scholarship Application due
- 18 Fallon and Carter Co Ambassador applications due
- 19 Dillion Livestock Judging
- 20 Sidney District 4 Livestock Judging
- 27 Pre-camp training for 4-H Camp teen counselors
- 30 Custer County Spring Livestock Judging

May 2008

- 1 Fallon and Carter County 4-H Scholarships due
- 1 Most Mt State Extension Scholarship Applications due
- 1 4-H Project Horse possession date
- 1 Montana State 4-H Project Award applications due

June 2008

- 1 Add/drop date for 4-H projects
- 1 Possession date for 4-H sheep, goats, swine, dogs and cats
- 3 Fallon/Carter 4-H Fashion Review and Quilt Show
- 4-6 2008 OREO Trip
- 10-12 Southeastern Montana 4-H Camp
- 16-18 Montana Range Days in Conrad, Montana
- 23-27 MSU Youth Horsemanship School

July 2008

- 1 Possession date for 4-H project rabbits and poultry
- 8-11 Montana 4-H Congress

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