



# Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

2009 March/April

## 4-H CAMP NEEDMORE "COWBOY UP WITH 4-H" June 9-11, 2009

Youth currently in grades 3 through 6 are eligible to attend 4-h Camp held at Camp Needmore in Carter County. Exciting activities are planned for this camp with the theme "Cowboy Up With 4-H"

A registration form may be requested from your Extension office or found on our website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

Registration forms must be turned into the Extension Office by **May 12, 2009**, so begin making plans now for a wonderful camping experience. The fee for attending 4-H Camp as a camper is \$65.00.

4-H Leaders are also encouraged to attend camp as an adult chaperone and to help with the many exciting workshops and activities. The fee for adult chaperones is \$25.00, which is charged to cover their meals.

**Teen counselors** are needed for 4-H camp. Teens wishing to apply must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2008 and must have completed their freshman year of high school. Applications may be requested from your Extension office or found on our website and must be turned into the Fallon-Carter Extension office on or before **Tuesday, March 10, 2009**. The Teen counselor fee is \$25.00.

Please note that  
Scholarship information  
is included in this  
newsletter!

## Montana 4-H



Nico Cantalupo  
County Extension Agent

Sharon Schwartz  
Extension 4-H Assistant

Please go to our Extension  
website

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

MEETING MINUTES \*  
EVENT REGISTRATION  
FORMS \* NEWSLETTERS \*  
AND 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	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	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	Tina Koenig
Ambassador Key Leader	Jule Walker

#### **Current Fallon County 4-H Council Officers**

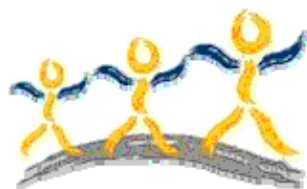
President	Roddy Rost
Vice-President	Penney Kono
Secretary	Jessica Dinardi
Treasurer	Tom Sparks
4-H Foundation Rep	Tom Sparks

#### **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



*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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## CARTER COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL BEEF BREEDING AND EWE LAMB CONTRACTS

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 Beef 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.

Three Sheep 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, 2009**.

## CLOVERBUDS

The **2009 Fallon County Cloverbuds** have been and will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of January through May. These meetings are being held in the library basement from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm. If you know of any youth that will turn, 6, 7 or 8 years old before October 1, 2009 and is interested in having fun while learning, please invite them to join us for CLOVERBUDS.

## FALLON & CARTER CO. ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

Carter Co. Market Beef	January 1
Fallon Co. Market Beef	February 1
Horse	May 1
Rabbits & Poultry	July 1
All other animals	June 1

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



**The Fallon County Fruit  
Arrives  
Wednesday  
March 25, 2009**

**@ 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 25<sup>th</sup>**.

All fruit monies need to be turned into the Extension Office no later than **5:00 pm Friday, April 3, 2009**. If you do not make these deadlines, your 10% will be donated to the Fallon County 4-H Council.



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## FALLON CO. 4-H & FFA 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 2008-2009 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, 2009** and pick up their animal tags from the Extension Office prior to **June 1, 2009**.

Plevna and Baker FFA members need to contact their FFA advisors by **June 1, 2009** if they wish to show a Market Swine or Market Sheep at the 2009 Fallon County Fair.

**NO EXCEPTIONS**

## 4-H COUNTY AMBASSADORS

Applications for Carter and Fallon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors may be picked up from your Fallon/Carter Extension Office, look in your county's Policies and Procedures Manual or go to our website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

These applications need to be filled out and returned to your Fallon-Carter Extension Office on or before Friday, **April 17, 2009**. Eligible applicants are senior 4-H members currently in the 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> 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	Leva Bonsell
Carter Co. Jr. Ambassador	Emma Guyer
Fallon Co. Sr. Ambassador	None
Fallon Co. Jr. Ambassador	Tina Koenig

## 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 CAMP NEEDMORE COUNSELORS

Just a reminder that 4-H camp counselor applications are due into the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before **March 10, 2009**.

A pre-camp training session is tentatively scheduled for **April 26, 2009** in Miles City.

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, 2008, and must have completed your freshman year of High School. 4-H Camp dates this year are **June 9-11**.

Contact your Extension Office for more information and/or a camp counselor application or visit our website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

2009 Fallon County Fair  
theme:

"Fallon County Fair Goes  
Hollywood"



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## FALLON COUNTY EVENT PARTICIPATION

### FALLON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The 2009 Fallon County Demonstration, Illustrated Talks and Public Speaking Contest will be held Sunday, **April 5, 2009** at 1:00 pm at the **Baker Longfellow School lunchroom**.

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

A registration form may be requested from your Extension office or found on our website at

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

Please provide the information on the registration to the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before Wednesday, **April 1, 2009**. 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.

**All Fallon County 4-H members must participate in a 2008-2009 county event to be eligible to exhibit in the 2009 Fallon County Fair.**

The following are recognized county events:

2008 Fall Livestock Judging

Was held September 21, 2008

2009 Spring Livestock Judging

March 22, 2009

1:00 pm at the fairgrounds

Communications Day

April 5, 2009

1:00 pm at the Longfellow Lunchroom

Fashion Review & Quilt Show

June 4, 2009

Time and location TBA at a later date

4-H Foods Festival

April 19, 2009

4:00 pm Plevna Senior Center

Small Projects Judging

No date has been set

Horse Playday

No date has been set

Horse Judging

No date has been set



### COWBOY POETRY ON COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Cowboy Poetry is now a part of Communications Day (**April 5, 2009**). 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

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Please provide the information on the registration to the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before Wednesday, **April 1, 2009**. This **COUNTY EVENT** will be hosted by the Outlaws 4-H Club.



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## FALLON COUNTY SPRING LIVESTOCK JUDGING

**Sunday, March 22, 2009**  
**Indoor Arena**  
**Fallon County Fairgrounds**  
**Baker, MT**

**Registration will begin at 1:00 pm with the judging to immediately follow. Six classes of livestock will be judged with two sets of reasons. All 4-H and FFA Youth are welcome to attend.**

**Awards will be given to the high place Sr. 4-H Judger, Jr. 4-H Judger and FFA Judger.**

**Carter County youth please note that this judging will be used as a congress qualifier in place of a livestock judging held on the 2009 All Events Day.**



## STIR-UPS CONTEST

The Stir-Ups contest is a comprehensive foods educational experience involving food preparation, menu planning, cost and nutritional analysis.

One member from Fallon County will be selected to participate in this contest at 4-H Congress.

The winner at 4-H Congress will be awarded a trip to National 4-H Congress.

To be eligible to represent Fallon County in the Stir-Ups contest at Congress, you must be a senior 4-H or FFA member and enter the 4-H Foods Festival. **(Sunday, April 19, 2009)** Please contact your Extension Office for additional information on this contest.

## FALLON COUNTY 4-H FOODS FESTIVAL

Fallon County 4-H members are encouraged to get busy preparing menus and selecting which food dish to make for the 4-H Foods Festival. The Foods Festival will be held **Sunday, April 19, 2009** at the Plevna Senior Citizens Center beginning at 4:00 pm. All members are encouraged to participate in the festival. Participants do not have to be enrolled in a Foods Project.

Members plan an entire day's menu and choose one of the items to bring to the festival. Members prepare enough to feed six people with their food dish.

Interviewers look at the menu, ask the member questions and sample food. The interviewers will also look at the place setting, centerpiece, and what the member is wearing in relation to his or her prepared dish.

Participating 4-H members will receive a certificate and a ribbon.

Guidelines are posted on our website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondwiindex.html>

Participants are asked to turn in their recipe to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, April 14**. A program will be printed with the recipes included. This is a wonderful collection of very good recipes and a nice addition to your 4-H scrapbook or journal.



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## HORSE ID'S DUE

Fallon County 4-H members enrolled in the Horse Project must turn in their Horse Ids on or before **May 1, 2009** to be eligible to show in this year's fair.

## DOG ID'S DUE

Fallon and Carter County 4-H members enrolled in the Dog Project must turn in their Dog Ids on or before **June 1, 2009**.

## STATE PROJECT AWARDS

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** is the due date for State Awards Applications. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2008 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.

2009 4-H REC LAB IS BEING HOSTED BY OUR DISTRICT 8 AND WILL BE MARCH 20-23, 2009 IN FORSYTH, MONTANA

## 2009 4-H DISTRICT 8 MINI CONGRESS

The 2009 4-H District 8 Mini Congress will be held **April 25, 2009** in Forsyth, MT. Registration fee is set at \$20.00 and many fun filled activities are being planned.

Registration forms are not available at this time but will be found on our website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensionduw/index.html> as soon as possible.

Mark your calendars for this event and make your plans now to attend.

## SHILOH SHARPS RIFLE

Win a \$2500 gift certificate towards a Shiloh Sharps Rifle.

All proceeds to the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

Drawing will be held **June 21, 2009** at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT.

\$25 per ticket or 5 for \$100

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!  
Contact Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816 for more information.



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## EQUINE CONFERENCE

The **2009** MSU Equine Conference and Trade Show is set for **April 17 and 18** in Bozeman, MT and will include horsemanship demonstrations, breakout discussions, a horse sale and more. For more information go to [www.animalrange.montana.edu](http://www.animalrange.montana.edu) and click on "Conferences".



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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 scholarships eligible to Montana high school graduates. **Contact your local Murdoch's Store for local details.**

*Applications are available at your Fallon/Carter Co. Extension Office and due May 1, 2009.*

**NILE Collegiate Scholarship:** **Nine** \$500 scholarships eligible to 4-H and FFA members graduating from high school in 2009. Scholarship guidelines can be found on the NILE's website at [www.thenile.org](http://www.thenile.org) and clicking on NILE Scholarship.

### COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

Both the Fallon and Carter County 4-H Scholarship requirements and applications may be requested from your Extension office or found on our website at

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

Please note that these applications are due on or before **May 1, 2009.**



### 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, 2009.**



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**Volunteer, Help make the decisions, Make a difference!!  
2008-2009 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, 2009. Committee to select recipients: (3 leaders)

1. Sandra Butler 2. Dane Castleberry 3. Ronda Bonsell

**2. Scholarship:** Take applications from graduating senior 4-H members and approve awarding of the scholarship. Committee to meet before graduation, 2009. This committee is a set committee with one new member each year: 1. Noralla Thomas 2. Sandra Butler 3. Sharon Higgins

**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 2007. 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. Sharon Higgins 2. Mikel Fruit 3. Rebecca Wolenetz 4. Sandra Butler

**4. Budgeting:** To compile a budget for the Carter Co. 4-H Council for the 2008-2009 4-H year.

Executive Officers: 1. Gail Brence 2. Mikel Fruit 3. Sharon Higgins 4. Cynde Cole

**5. County Events:**

Fashion Revue	Host = Country Kids	Date = June 4, 2009
Communications	Host = Cactus Kids	Date = June 4, 2009
4-H Foods Festival	Host = Puptown Wranglers	Date = June 4, 2009
Livestock Judging	Host = Fallon County	Date = March 22, 2009
Range Fun	Host = Prairie Pals	Date = June 4, 2009

**6. 4-H Members of the Joint 4-H/FFA committee for 2008-2009:** 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. Gail Brence 2. Sandra Butler 3. Tena Ketchum (Pam Castleberry)

Members 1. Cody Cole\_ 2. Greg Brence 3. Logan Butler

**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. Sharon Higgins 2. Mikel Fruit 3. Cynde Cole

Members 1. Bailey Fruit 2. Jaclyn Ketchum 3. Emma Guyer

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

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

## 4-H CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### March 2009

- 1-3 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar
- 10 4-H Camp Teen Counselor applications due
- 14 Redland Memorial Livestock Judging
- 15 Rural Community Development Grant applications due
- 20-23 2009 4-H Rec Lab in Forsyth, Montana
- 22 Fallon County Spring Livestock Judging
- 25 Fallon County 4-H fruit arrives

### April 2009

- 1 All communications and cowboy poetry registration info due into Extension Office
- 1-3 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar
- 3 All money from Fallon County fruit sale must be turned into your Extension Office
- 5 Fallon County 4-H Communications Contest
- 5 Fallon County Cowboy Poetry Contest
- 14 Recipes for the Fallon Co. 4-H Foods Festival and Stir-Ups due
- 15 Carter County Beef Breeding and Ewe Lamb Contracts due
- 15 Custer County Spring Livestock Judging held at Ft. Keogh in Miles City
- 15 Jerry Lund Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 17 Fallon and Carter County 4-H Ambassador applications due
- 17-18 MSU Equine Conference and Trade Show
- 19 Fallon County 4-H Foods Festival & Stir-Ups contest
- 25 District 8 4-H Mini Congress
- 26 4-H Camp Teen Counselor meeting

### May 2009

- 1 Fallon and Carter County Horse possession date
- 1 Fallon County Horse ID's due
- 1 State 4-H Project Award applications due
- 1 Carter Co. and Fallon Co. 4-H scholarship applications due
- 1 Most MT State 4-H Scholarship applications due
- 12 Youth Camper registrations due for 4-H Camp
- 20-23 xx

### June 2009

- 1 Fallon and Carter County sheep, swine, goat, dog and cat possession date
- 1 Fallon & Carter County Dog ID's due
- 4 Carter County "All Events Day"
- 4 Fallon/Carter 4-H Fashion Revue and Quilt Show
- 9-11 Southeaster Montana 4-H Camp
- 21 Shiloh Sharps Rifle drawing

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