



Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

2009 November/December

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>

4-H ENROLLMENTS

All returning 4-H members and leaders are asked to return their 4-H enrollment sheets to the Fallon/Carter Extension Office on or before **November 2, 2009**. Project material will be ordered at this time in one bulk order and should arrive in a timely manner. Shooting Sports members need to turn in their enrollments before they will be allowed to shoot. Market Beef members in Carter County need to turn in their enrollment forms and be enrolled in the Market Beef Project on or before **January 1, 2010**. Market Beef members in Fallon County need to turn their enrollment forms and be enrolled in the Market Beef Project on or before **February 1, 2010**.

Montana 4-H



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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 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

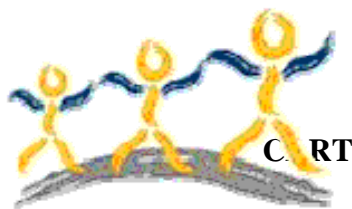
President	Roddy Rost
Vice-President	William Benner
Secretary	Carol Sparks
Treasurer	Julie Post
4-H Foundation Rep	Julie Post

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 & Toni Reetz
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.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Once again it is time to sign up for a new 4-H year of 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 first Shooting Sports meetings will be held in **November at a date to be later determined**. 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 available to 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!!

STATE 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING

The next State 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held in Kalispell, MT on **Friday & Saturday, December 4-5, 2009**.

Contact your Extension Office for more information and/or a registration form.

CARTER COUNTY 4-H FUN DAY AND ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

The Carter County 2009 4-H Fun Day will be held **Friday, November 20** at the Events Center located on the Carter County Fairgrounds beginning at 2:30 pm. Fun Day is open to all youth in grades K-6th and features fun activities and crafts. All older 4-H members and youth are encouraged to attend and help lead the workshops

The Carter County 2009 4-H Achievement Night will be held **Friday, November 20** at the Events Center located on the Carter County Fairgrounds. A potluck dinner is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm with the presentation of 4-H awards to follow. This year's Achievement Night theme will be "Meet The Future". Everyone is encouraged to attend!



MAILING ADDRESSES

Please check over the address this newsletter was sent to. If your mailing address has changed in any way, please let the Extension Office know.



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2009 FALL CRAFT & SEWING FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 7, 2009

At the Custer County High School
From 8:45 am – 2:45 pm
For Youth 9 and Up

A registration fee of \$20.00 which includes materials and lunch but not basic sewing supplies.

Your Fallon/Carter Extension Office has registration forms with a complete list of supplies to bring and the variety of workshops you may choose from. Register early as enrollment is limited

FALLON COUNTY KIDS & HORSES MEETING

A Kids & Horses 4-H Horse meeting will be held **Wednesday, November 4, 2009** in the basement conference room of the Fallon County Courthouse. This meeting is scheduled to begin at 5:30 pm.

A tentative agenda has been started and will include:

- Election of officers
- Treasurer's Report
- Horse Helmets
- Horse level assessments
- County Fair
- Riding and practice schedules
- Equipment and/or trail items owned by Kids & Horses
- The State 4-H Horse Show

Kids & Horses is a 4-H Horse Committee and all registered 4-H Members and Leaders signed up for a 4-H Horse Project are considered members.

4-H WINDOW DISPLAYS

The Fallon county window displays were judged Monday, October 5, 2009. The winning window was created by the Red Butte Ramblers 4-H Club and located at Creative Stitches. They will receive a \$10.00 prize from the 4-H Council for their display.

2009 DISTRICT 8 LEADERS MEETING

Sunday, November 8, 2009

At the Custer County High School
Multi Purpose Rooms
Miles City, MT
From 12:30 – 4:00 pm

Come to this fun filled afternoon. Lunch will include a Baked Potato Bar! We will be having a Skillathon using the new 4-H materials and you will be able to learn to master the 4-H Web Page! Cost is \$5. Great Door Prizes!! Teens will be planning Mini Congress! **Register by Nov. 2nd**



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...



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MANDATORY LEADER TRAINING

A mandatory training is required for all adults registering as a leader in the Montana 4-H Program. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our 4-H Program and Positive Youth Development.

CARTER COUNTY TRAINING

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Courthouse Court Room

Beginning at 4:00 pm

FALLON COUNTY TRAINING

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Courthouse Basement Conference Room

1st session beginning at 1:00 pm

2nd session beginning at 5:15 pm

Contact your Extension Office at (406) 778-7110 if you have any questions.

JANUARY MEETING DATES

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**

Carter County 4-H Council

Thursday, January 21, 2010

**Wagon Wheel Café
Back room**



ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

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

All Fallon and Carter County Youth wishing to take a Market Animal Project **must** have possession of their animal and be enrolled in the project on or before the possession dates listed above.

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.

No Exceptions!

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.**



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2010 MONTANA AG CALENDARS

Again this year the Montana Ag Calendars featuring Don Greytak are available. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana Youth in 4-H and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and Universities.

Your club may sell these calendars for \$10.00 each. Your club will earn \$2.50 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact your Extension Office at (406) 778-7110.

FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY

National Family Volunteer Day on **November 21st**, is designed to demonstrate the power of families who choose to volunteer to support the communities in which they live and serve.

Why should your family volunteer?

- Strengthens family communication & bonds.

- Allows family members to be role models.

- Increases commitment to volunteering & community.

- Provides quality family time.

For project ideas and help planning your day visit:

<http://disney.go.com/disneyhand/familyvolunteers/>

6TH BI-ANNUAL EQUINE LEADER'S FORUM

Feb. 19 to Feb. 21, 2010

Battle Lake, AB

Montana deadline is **Dec. 15, 2009**

Contact your Extension Office for more information.

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.



2010 WESTERN REGIONAL 4-H LEADERS' FORUM

"Blazing Trails"
Albuquerque, NM
Thursday-Sunday
March 11-14, 2010



Contact your Extension Service for more information on this opportunity for 4 days of education, fun and fellowship. Early Bird registration needs to be postmarked by **December 15, 2009**.



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2009-2010 FALLON COUNTY EVENT HOSTS

Foods Festival	Outlaws
Communications Day	Tumbling Tumbleweeds
Fashion Review/Quilt Show	Fallon County
Horse Playday	Country Pals
Spring Livestock Judging	Fertile Prairie
Fall Livestock Judging (2009)	Country cousins
Small Projects Judging	Red Butte Ramblers
Horse Judging	Country Pals
Achievement Day (2010)	Country Cousins

2009-2010 FALLON COUNTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

<u>Fruit Sale</u> =	Faye Koenig*, Cindy Irgens, Norton Walker, Lexyn Walker, Cindy Stark, Leslie Gray
<u>Scholarship</u> =	Wanda Pinnow*, Toni Reetz, Cindy Irgens, Carol Sparks, Roy Rost
<u>Food Booth</u> =	Toni Reetz*, Jolinda Allerdings*, Sonja Beyers, Melissa Rost, Roy Rost Kevin Dukart
<u>Trophy, ribbons & fair awards ceremony</u> =	Cindy Irgens*, Kalli Post, Tiffany Benner, Dustin Irgens Irgens, Caden Dukart, Kevin Dukart, Faye Koenig
<u>Congress Selection</u> =	Penney Kono*, Nicole Wheeler, Wanda Pinnow
<u>4-H Fun Day</u> =	
<u>Fairbook Revisions</u> =	Jolinda Allerdings, Faye Koenig, William Benner, Marvel Murphy, Nancy Curry, Nicole Wheeler
<u>Special Awards</u> =	Carol Sparks*, Wanda Pinnow, Sonja Beyers
<u>Publicity</u> =	Tina Koenig, Lexyn Walker and Jule Walker

Council President and County Agent/4-H Assistant are ex-officio members of all committees



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November 2009 Calendar

- 1 Fallon County 4-H Achievement Night
- 2 4-H Leader/Volunteer applications and Shooting Sports Project member enrollments due
- 2 Registration due for District 8 Leaders Meeting
- 4 Kids & Horses meeting 5:30 pm Courthouse
- 7 2009 Fall Craft & Sewing Festival
- 8 2009 District 8 Leaders Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day (Courthouse Closed)
- 16 Club financial records due into the Fallon/Carter Extension Office
- 17 Carter County Leader Training in Courthouse Court Room
- 18 Fallon County Leader Training in Courthouse Conference Room
- 20 Carter County 4-H Fun Day and Achievement Night
- 21 Family Volunteer Day
- 26 Thanksgiving (Courthouse Closed)

December 2009 Calendar

- 4-5 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 15 Montana deadline to register for 6th Bi-Annual Equine Leaders Forum
- 15 Early Bird registration due for Western Regional Leaders Forum
- 16 Club financial records due into the Fallon/Carter Extension Office

January 2010 Calendar

- 1 Carter County Market Beef possession date
- 13 Fallon County Livestock Committee Meeting
- 20 Fallon County 4-H Council Meeting
- 21 Carter County 4-H Council Meeting

February 2010 Calendar

- 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
- 19-21 6th Bi-Annual Equine Leaders Forum

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