



# Fallon-Carter County 4-H News

**May - June  
2008**

## **MQA (Market Quality Assurance)**

Nico Cantalupo will be giving two Market Quality Assurance programs on **Monday, June 2, 2008**. Members from Fallon and Carter Counties may attend either or both of these workshops.

### **Program #1**

Monday, June 2 beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the Fallon Co. Courthouse.

### **Program #2**

Monday, June 2 beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the Carter Co. Courthouse.

If you are unable to attend either one of these 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, 2008 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. 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**

**Sharon Schwartz  
Extension 4-H Assistant**

**This newsletter and all  
applications/registrations it refers  
to may be found on our  
Fallon-Carter Extension Website**  
[http://www.falloncounty.net/extension  
dw/index.html](http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html)

**Click on 4-H in the upper left hand  
corner**



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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
4-H Foundation Rep	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**

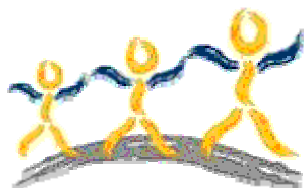
President	Norton Walker
Vice-President	Penney Kono
Secretary	Faye Koenig
Treasurer	Tom Sparks
4-H Foundation Rep	Tom Sparks

#### **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	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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month.



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## 4-H ANIMAL POSSESSION DATES

<b>Market Beef</b>	<b>January 1</b>
<b>Horse</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Rabbits and Poultry</b>	<b>July 1</b>
<b>All other live animals</b>	<b>June 1</b>

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.

## ADD / DROP PROJECTS

This is the time of year to make an assessment of the projects you are registered for. If you have not completed anything in a project, you may want to drop it for this year and consider taking it again at another time.

If you have been working in a project that you were not enrolled in, you will need to add it to your enrollment list. All of these changes must be made by **June 1**.

Your club's organizational leader will have a list of your projects you are currently enrolled in. Please look it over carefully and make any necessary changes. This includes your current address, age and grade.



## 4-H COUNTY AMBASSADORS

Applications for Carter and Fallon County 4-H Youth Ambassadors may be found in your county's Policies and Procedures Manual or printed off our website

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

These applications need to be filled out and returned on or before Friday, **May 23, 2008** (new deadline). 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	None
Carter Co. Jr. Ambassador	Leva Bonsell
Fallon Co. Sr. Ambassador	Regan Walker
Fallon Co. Jr. Ambassador	None

### 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**



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CARTER CO.  
"ALL EVENTS DAY"  
**Thursday, May 29, 2008**  
Carter County High School  
Outdoor events at the fairgrounds

**8:30 am**

Communications Contest including :  
Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Speeches  
and Cowboy Poetry

**Following Communications Contest**

4-H Foods Festival and Stir-Ups

**12:00 Noon**

Potluck of finger foods  
4-H Council will provide hot dogs and drinks

**1:00 pm**

Livestock Judging and Range Event

**3:30 pm**

Carter County 4-H Council Meeting

All awards for All Events Day will be  
presented following the afternoon activities

**Please read the articles within this  
newsletter for details on each event.**

## 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 Carter 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 Carter 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. **Thursday, May 29, 2008**) Please contact your Extension Office for additional information on this contest.

## CARTER COUNTY 4-H FOODS FESTIVAL

Carter 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 **Thursday, May 29, 2008** following the Communications contest in the lunch room of the Carter County High School during All Events Day. 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, a ribbon, and compete for an award.

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 **Monday, May 26**. 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.

ALL MARKET LAMBS AND GOATS  
NEED A  
SCRAPIE TAG  
BY FAIR TIME



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## CARTER COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST

The Carter County Demonstration, Illustrated Talks and Public Speaking Contest will be held **Thursday, May 29, 2008** as a part of All Events Day.

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 may be found on our Extension website at

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

Please complete it and return to your Extension Office or call us with the information on or before **Monday, May 26**.

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 would like to ask all parents and organizational leaders to encourage your club members to participate in Communications Day.

## COWBOY POETRY ON COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Cowboy Poetry is now a part of All Events Day (May 29, 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 may be found on our Extension website at

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

Please complete it and return to your Extension Office or call us with the information on or before **Monday, May 26**.

## 4-H CAMP NEEDMORE "Dive Into 4-H" June 10-12, 2008

Exciting activities are planned for this camp with the theme "Dive Into 4-H". Youth currently in grades 3 through 6 are eligible to attend. 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.

Note that the arrival time and departure time for 4-H Campers this year. Please mark this fun filled time on your calendars.

This year's Camp T-shirt will cost an additional \$11.00. The shirt will come in five sizes from Children's L to Adult XL.

A registration form may be found on our website at

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

Registration forms are **due in your Extension Office by May 9, 2008**.

## TRAIL RIDE – WAGON TRAIN

**Centennial 1908 – 2008 Baker, MT  
June 27, 2008**

**Catered Lunch  
Steak Fondue Dinner  
Old Time Fiddlers  
Marshmallow Roast  
Old Time Cowboy Poetry**

**Contact (406) 775-6802 for more information**



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FALLON/CARTER CO.  
4-H FASHION REVUE  
Tuesday, June 3, 2008

The 2008 Fallon/Carter County 4-H Fashion Revue committee invites all Carter and Fallon County 4-H sewing members to participate in this year's 4-H Fashion Revue. This event will be held in the Fallon County Longfellow School gym in Baker beginning at **7:00 PM**.

Interviews will be held in the afternoon. All 4-H Sewing Project members entering in this event will notified of the interview schedule soon as it is finalized. **Please complete the Fashion Review entry form, write your narrative, and turn them in to your Extension Office on or before Thursday, May 29, 2008.**

A registration form and a narrative outline may be found on our website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

## READY TO WEAR

For a second time an event showcasing your buymanship and modeling talents will be available this year as a part of the Fashion Review.

A complete outfit is to be purchased by the member with regard to advantages of purchasing, elements of design, construction, fabric and cost. A buymanship form may be found on the Extension Website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondw/index.html>

This form needs to be completed and turned in to the Extension Office by May 29. The Ready To Wear event will take place **Tuesday, June 3 at 7:00 pm** as a part of the Fashion Review.

## 4-H QUILT CONTEST

In conjunction with the 4-H Fashion Review (**Tuesday, June 3, 2008**) there will be a 4-H Quilt Contest. 4-H members do not need to be enrolled in the quilting project to enter this competition.

This event is being held locally this year because of it now being a competition on the state level at Montana 4-H Congress. Interviews will be held in the afternoon. All 4-H members entering in this event will notified of the interview schedule soon as it is finalized. The quilts will then be displayed during the evening 4-H Fashion Review.

A Quilt Contest entry form with contest guidelines may be found on the Extension website at

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

Please complete the entry form and return it to your Extension Office on or before **Thursday, May 29, 2008.**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO GRADUATING SENIORS

### Carter County High School

Leah Brence  
Prairie Pals 4-H Club

Allyson Carroll  
Prairie Pals 4-H Club

### Baker High School

Patrick Flor  
Tumbling Tumbleweeds 4-H Club

Denise Koenig  
Country Pals 4-H Club

Ian Murphy  
Fertile Prairie 4-H Club



### Plevna High School

Taryl Walker  
Fertile Prairie 4-H Club



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## CONGRESS APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Montana 4-H Congress is a great opportunity for senior 4-H members to take part in a wonderful, educational, competitive, social and fun experience.

Congress takes place on the MSU Campus in Bozeman, Mont and is open to all 4-H members that are 14 years old or older as of October 1, 2007. The dates for the 2008 Montana 4-H Youth Congress are **July 8-11**.

All youth from both Fallon and Carter County, who wish to attend Montana State 4-H Congress, must fill out an application. Even though a member qualifies to compete at congress in a certain contest area, does not mean that the 4-H member will be chosen to represent their county in that area.

Carter County applications must be turned into Sharon Schwartz on or before **May 29, 2008** "All Events Day". Fallon County applications must be turned into Sharon Schwartz on or before **Wednesday, June 4, 2008**. Fallon County members please remember to turn in your up to date 4-H Journal along with your application.

Congress applications may be found on the Extension Website at <http://www.falloncounty.net/extensiondwn/index.html>

Members will receive registration information and forms when their application is submitted and accepted.

### 2008 FAIR THEMES



**2008 Carter County Fair theme:**  
"Welcome To Our Zoo"

**2008 Fallon County Fair theme:**  
"A Fair To Remember"



## SHOOTING SPORTS

**May 20** The first shotgun meeting will be held at the gun range west of Baker. All shooting sports youth from Fallon and Carter counties are welcome to attend if they have met the requirements. For more information, call Penney Kono at 778-2414.

**July 26** Plan to attend Fallon County's 2<sup>nd</sup> Invitational Trap Shoot for both 4-H Project members and Scholastic shooters.

**September 5-6** Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training for all disciplines to be held in Baker, Montana.

The 2008 Miss Big Sky Pro Rodeo Roundup pageant will be held during Montana State Fair in Great Falls. For an entry packet or additional information, please contact Pageant Director Lorell Heckman at 406-466-2004 or go online at [montanastatefair.com](http://montanastatefair.com).

### 2008 NATIONAL ARCHERY INVITATIONAL

This year, Montana will send another team to compete at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational, held in Grand Island, NE, June 23-26. The top scorers (over age 14) from the air rifle, air pistol and small bore events at the 2008 State Shoot are eligible to participate on a team at the National Match.

The archery qualifying event for the National Invitation begins at 8:00 am in Helena on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This 3 round event has been structured after the National Event and will include FITA, Field and 3-D archery. The Archery Qualifier is open to 4-H members age 14 and over. Registration, rules and event information may be requested from your Extension Office.



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## MONTANA YOUTH RANGE CAMP

The 2008 Montana Youth Range Camp will be held **August 4-8** in Hysham, MT located in Treasure County Montana. Campers age 12-18 will learn about plant ID/anatomy, soil/geology, grazing management, water/riparian and range monitoring. Additional activities will include meeting former NASA Astronaut Frank Borman, spending an afternoon at Big Splash Water Park, taking a trip to the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument and more..

For more information contact your Extension Office or your local conservation district.

## FALLON COUNTY HORSE JUDGING

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008**

Livestock Barn on the  
Fallon County Fairgrounds

Registration will begin at 5:00 pm  
followed by judging.

This county event is open to all 4-H and FFA members. Youth do not have to be enrolled in the horse project to compete in this county event.

## BLACK HILLS RECREATION LAB

**OCTOBER 4-10, 2008**

**OUTLAW RANCH**  
Near Custer, South Dakota

Learn leadership/recreation skills to enhance our experience when we help host the Montana State 4-H Rec Lab in 2009!!

## MONTANA RANGE DAYS

The 32nd annual Montana Range Days will be held in Conrad, MT located in Pondera County **June 16-18, 2008**.

Range Days is designed to include the entire family from youngsters at least 4 years of age up to and including adults competitions. There will be both individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas.

An early registration deadline of June 1, 2008 has been set and will save money for both individuals and families.

For more information please contact your Extension Office.

## MONTANA NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

Youth ages 14-18 years of age may apply to spend a week in the rustic setting of the U of M Experimental Forest east of Missoula, learning about Montana's natural resources. This week will be **July 20-25, 2008** and be held in a "classroom with a view". Your local Conservation District may cover a large portion of the cost through a scholarship.

Learn about soil, water, range, forestry, wildlife, geology & minerals and recreation management. For more information and an application visit their website at [www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/nrc/default.asp](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/nrc/default.asp) or phone Martin Twer at 406-243-2775.

## CARTER COUNTY YOUTH RANGE DAY

July 16, 2008

9:30 am – 3:30 pm



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## 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 the remaining recognized county events:

2008 Spring Livestock Judging  
May 13, 2008

Horse Judging  
May 28, 2008

Fashion Review & Quilt Show  
June 3, 2008  
Longfellow School in Baker

Small Projects Judging  
No date has been set

Horse Playday  
No date has been set

### LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The 2008 Fallon County 4-H Spring Livestock Judging will be held

**Tuesday, May 13, 2008**

at the fair barn in Baker, Montana. Registration will begin at 3:30 pm with the judging to start at 4:00 pm.

This **COUNTY EVENT** is being hosted by the Country Cousins 4-H Club.



## USDA AG YOUTH LOANS

Operating loans are available to individual rural youth to finance income-producing, agriculture-related projects of modest size in connection with their participation in an organization such as 4-H. To who may apply need to be between 10 and 20 years old, reside in a rural community and conduct a modest income producing project. The maximum loan amount is \$5000 and repayments are tailored to the type of project for which the loan was made.

To apply or learn more about youth loans or other loan programs, please contact your local USDA Service Center.

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?area=home&subject=fmlp&topic=df1-yl>

## AQHA HORSE SHOW

4-H members having never attended an AQHA horse show may apply for a scholarship to the June 27-29, 2008 Western Montana Quarter Horse Association Show to be held at the Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis, MT. The application covers nearly all the costs associated with participating in the show. The deadline to apply is May 20, 2008.

The scholarship application may be found on our Extension/4-H website

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

ALL MEETING MINUTES WILL BE ON OUR EXTENSION WEBSITE.

Please go to our website

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

to read the Fallon County April 2008 4-H Council minutes and all other meeting minutes as they become available.



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## IMPORTANT 4-H DATES

### 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 Fallon County Horse ID's are due into the Extension Office
- 1 Montana State 4-H Project Award applications due
- 6-9 Fort Keogh Tours
- 7 Carter County Joint 4-H/FFA Livestock Committee Meeting
- 9 4-H Camp Needmore registrations due into the Extension office
- 13 Fallon Co. Spring Livestock Judging
- 17 MT Archery Qualifying event for 2008 National Archery Invitational
- 20 Fallon County Shooting Sports 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 Shotgun Meeting
- 20 AQHA scholarship application due
- 23 4-H Ambassador applications due into Extension Office
- 26 Due date for recipes entered in the Carter County 4-H Foods Festival and Stir-Ups Contest
- 26 Entries due for the Carter County Communications Contest and Cowboy Poetry Contest
- 29 Carter County "All Events Day"
- 29 Carter County 4-H Council Meeting
- 29 Carter County Congress applications due
- 29 Entry forms due for the Fallon/Carter County Fashion Review, Ready To Wear Contest and the Quilt Contest

**Fallon & Carter  
Counties**

### June 2008

- 1 Add/drop date for 4-H projects
- 1 Possession date for 4-H sheep, goats, swine, dogs and cats
- 1 4-H Dog ID sheets are due into the Extension Office
- 2 MQA Workshops to be held in both Carter and Fallon County
- 3 Fallon/Carter 4-H Fashion Review and Quilt Show
- 4 Fallon County Congress applications and registrations due into the Extension Office
- 4 Carter County Congress Registrations due into the Extension Office
- 4-6 2008 OREO Trip
- 7 Marias-Teton Feeder Show
- 10-12 Southeastern Montana 4-H Camp
- 16-18 Montana Range Days in Conrad, Montana
- 23-27 MSU Youth Horsemanship School
- 23-26 National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
- 27 Baker Centennial Trail Ride and Wagon Train
- 27-29 Western Montana Quarter Horse Association Show

### July 2008

- 1 Possession date for 4-H project rabbits and poultry
- 8-11 Montana 4-H Congress
- 16 Carter County Youth Range Day
- 26 Fallon County 2<sup>nd</sup> Invitational Trap Shoot

### August 2008

- 4-8 Montana Youth Range Camp
- 8-10 Carter County "Days of 85" Fair & Rodeo
- 14-17 Fallon County Fair & Rodeo

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