



## Congratulations 4-H Graduating Seniors

Best of luck in your future endeavors, thank you for your devotion to the 4-H program.

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### 4-H Fair Entries due June 1

Be sure to attend your May 4-H Club meeting to fill out your fair entries. Your club leader will have instructions on how to fill out the form correctly and will review the fair book with you. Entries are due June 1, grace period is from June 2-15 with a \$5 late fee and NO entries will be taken after June 15.

### Bringing MSU to You, May 15, 5:00 pm, Yogo Inn

The purpose for the Bringing MSU to You tour is to take faculty and staff from the Animal and Range Sciences Department on the road to meet with producers, potential students, and the general public. There will be open forum meetings at several locations for the public to attend.

If you have any questions contact Susan Cooper, Animal & Range Sciences Department, Montana State University, PH: 994-3722 or by Email: [scoop-er@montana.edu](mailto:scoop-er@montana.edu).

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## Meeting Dates to Remember

### Local 4-H Centennial Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 8  
5:15

At the Extension Office  
Parade floats and the Fair Jamboree will be on the agenda.  
Everyone is welcome!

### Camp Maiden Cleanup Day

Saturday, May 12  
9:00 AM

At Camp Maiden  
Please bring brooms, dust pans, mops, buckets, rags, shop vacuums, rakes, scoop shovels, spade shovels, wheel barrows, weed eaters. Everyone is welcome and needed.

### Ag Building 4-H Exhibit Area Cleaning Day

Monday, May 7  
9:00 AM

Anyone available would be very much appreciated. We will wash windows, wipe down surfaces, sweep and mop.

### FCS Committee

Date: Wednesday, June 13, 2012  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Place: Extension Office

### Livestock Committee

Date: April 30, 2012  
Time: 5:30 PM  
Place: Sheriff's Complex –

### Horse Committee

Date: April 30, 2012  
Time: 7:00 PM  
Place: Sheriff's Complex –

### **Russell Country Classic**

Jackpot Show- for steers and heifers  
May 26<sup>th</sup>

Standford, Judith Basin County Fairgrounds

Entry Deadline May 14<sup>th</sup>

\$10 fee per animal

Contact Kirstie Feidler at [fkiedler@yahoo.com](mailto:fkiedler@yahoo.com)

## Bio Science Montana

*Team Applications Now Being Accepted*

**A**pproximately 36 4-H students from throughout Montana, along with adult team leaders, will be chosen to participate. Students will be introduced to; hands-on science and research projects about how the brain makes choices, how scientists deal with infectious diseases, the connections between nutrition and health and more, careers and studies in health science-related fields and digital media and social networking technologies. The year-long program begins in August with an immersive week spent on the MSU – Bozeman campus, studying alongside students and faculty. The rest of the year students will use interactive technologies to continue their studies with each other and MSU faculty. The program is open to students entering grades 8 through 11. Teams of four 4-Hers and one adult mentor should be based in the same community. There is no cost for the program. For more information and applications, please contact the Fergus County Extension Office.



### **Market Lamb weigh and tag deadline – May 15**

### **Rate of Gain Contest for Market Lamb**

Central Montana Fair participants have the opportunity to participate in a Rate of Gain contest in 2012. Lambs will be weighed in on May 20, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the scale in the Livestock Pavilion on the Fairgrounds. The rate of gain contest is optional, and not required to show a lamb at the Central Montana Fair. Please call the Extension Office at 535-3919 by May 10 to register

### *Market animal minimum weights increase*

In order to keep up with market trends and ensure a quality product for the buyers of market animals at the Central Montana Fair, the Fergus/Petroleum County Livestock Committee has increased the minimum weight requirements for market animals as follows: Beef 1000 lbs, Swine 220 lbs, Lamb 100 lbs. Animals that don't reach minimum weights will be moved into a feeder class and will still be shown, but will not be eligible for the Market Livestock Sale..



## County Workshops & Clinics

### Dog Fun Match

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: Lewistown Armory

RSVP by June 13

Members will practice showing their dogs for obedience classes. Bring your dog on leash and bring along both an obedience collar and a showmanship leash. Dogs must have current vaccinations. Please let us know you are coming by June 13, call 535-3919.

### Dog Clinics

Date: Thursdays, May 3, 10, 17, 2012

Time: 5:30 PM

Place: Lewistown Armory

Obedience training for dogs and members at all levels.

### Food Safety Workshop & TQA Workshop

You may want to check to see if you need to update your training for this year.

**Thursday, May 24**—5:30 PM TQA -7:00 P.M. Food Safety in the Farm Bureau Building Basement

**Monday, June 4** - 5:30 PM TQA—7:00 - Food Safety in the Farm Bureau Building Basement (*Note the Date Change*)

### Small Animal Showmanship Clinic and Dog Fun Match

Date: Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Place: At the Armory

Time: 5:30 PM

RSVP by June 13

For all members in Dog, Cat, Rabbit, Poultry and Pocket Pet

You will bring your animals and learn how to fit and show and prepare for the fair. After working with your own animal you will rotate to the other species to practice showing in order to prepare for the possibility of qualifying for the round robin. Dog and cats need to have current vaccinations. Please call the Extension Office by June 13, call the Extension Office at 535-3919.

### Beginners Leather Carving Workshop

Date: May 19, 2012

Time: 9 AM to Noon

Place: Sheridan, WY

Contact Joe Boyles, 366-3469, if you are interested in attending. Register at 1-715-362-5393.



### **4-H Camping Opportunities coming in June!!!**

Don't miss the fun- something for everyone!!

#### 4-H Family Camp Out

Date: June 8-9, 2012

Place: Petrolia Lake (east of Winnett)

Fee: \$15 per person- includes three meals

Registration due: June 1

Begins at 6:00 PM on Friday evening with supper and ends at

3:00 Saturday afternoon. Activities will include fishing with the Central Montana Walleye Group, Air Rifles, Archery, Dutch Oven Cooking, Entomology, Range/Weeds/Forestry Scavenger Hunt, and Cowboy Poetry. This will be a fun weekend for the whole family and an opportunity to learn about a lot of different 4-H projects in the outdoors. Everyone is welcome to attend!

#### 4-H Jr. Camp

“Go Green!”

For 4-H Members 9 to 11 years of age

Date: June 26-28, 2012

Place: At Camp Maiden

Registration Fee: \$30 per person

Registration Deadline June 11

The camp counselors have some awesome activities planned for this year's camp including a nature hike, a carnival, crafts, dance, campfires, and “your 4-H today”. Come and enjoy three days in the beautiful mountains, make new friends, learn new things, and let your 4-H green shine through!

#### Glacier Institute

For members 11 to 13 years of age

Date: June 30- July 2

Fee: \$65 per person (*reduced fee*)

Registration due June 1

We will leave Lewistown early on Saturday, June 30 and return late on July 2. We will be staying in cabins in Glacier Park, just inside the west entrance at the Glacier Institute. Staff members there will provide a program on Friday evening and then take the group hiking on Saturday while teaching two different programs, “Tracks, Scat and Animal Signs” and “Youth Wilderness Skills”. Sunday we will tour the park, coming home over the “Going to the Sun” highway and stopping at several locations to explore. We are limited to 22 beds, so only the first 17 youth to sign up will be accepted.



#### Cloverbud Day Camp

Date: June 21, 2012 (*change of date*)

Time: 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Place: At the Armory

Fee: \$5 per person

Registration due June 14

Come and enjoy a fun day of crafts, games and fun activities!!!

ALL cloverbuds are welcome.

# May 2012

Sunday	Monday <i>April 30</i>	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Livestock Comm. 5:30 PM Sheriffs Complex Horse Comm. 7:00 PM, Sheriffs Complex	1 Wear Green for 100 Years of 4-H Day	2	3 Dog Clinic, Amory, 5:30 PM	4	5
6	7 Ag Building Cleaning Day, 9:00 AM	8 Centennial Committee, 5:15 PM, Extension Office	9	10 Dog Clinic, Amory, 5:30 PM	11	12 Camp Maiden Clean Up, 9:00 AM up at Camp Maiden
13 Happy Mothers Day 	14	15 Lamb Weigh, Photo, Tag Deadline	16	17 Dog clinic, Amory, 5:30 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 TQA 5:30 PM & Food Safety, 7:00 PM, Farm Bureau	25	26
27	28 Memorial Day, Office Closed 	29	30	31		

## Calendar of Events

- June 1 Fair Entry Deadline
- 4-H Family Camp Our Reg. Due
- Glacier Institute Reg. Due
- 4 Livestock Quality Assurance 5:30 & Food Safety, 7:00, Farm Bureau
- 5-12 Exchange Group in Texas
- 8-9 4-H Family Camp out, Petrolia
- 11 Jr. Camp Reg. Due
- 13 FCS Committee meeting
- RSVP Sm Animal Clinic & Dog Fun Match
- 14 Cloverbud Day Camp Reg. Due
- 19 Dog Fun Match 4:00, Amory
- Small Animal Showmanship Clinic 5:30, Amory
- 21 Cloverbud Day Camp, Amory, 9 AM to 3 PM
- 26-28 Jr. Camp
- 30-July2 Glacier Institute
- July 10-13 State Congress
- 14 Clean and Maintenance Day Food Booth 9:00 AM
- Food Booth Supervisors Training, 1:00
- 17 Pre-fair Interviews
- 19 Small Animal Barn Setup, 5:15

- July 20 4-H Horse Show
- 24-28 Fair Week
- Aug. 1 Pavilion & Small Animal Barn Tear Down and Clean Up
- 6 Carcass Workshop
- 23 Leaders Council, 5:30, Extension Office
- Sept. 1 Record Books Due to Leaders
- 28-29 State Leaders Forum, Billings
- 29 Centennial Gala, Billings

### Attention Indoor Fair Exhibitors

Any member exhibiting in Division 1: 4-H Indoor, may choose ONE of their entered items to place in the silent auction. White ribbon exhibits may not be placed in the Silent Auction. After their exhibits are judged they will take the item they have selected to the second floor of the Ag Building and leave it with the check in person there, indicating the minimum bid they will accept. 5% of the purchase price will be retained by the Leaders Council to help with auction expenses. Only non-perishable, non-food, non-living items may be placed in the silent auction.

## Centennial Updates

### 4-H Jamboree

Please remember that every 4-H club will be asked to have a skit for the Jamboree on Saturday afternoon of the fair. You will want to be planning now since many of you do not have business meetings in the summer. If you need ideas just google 4-H skits- you will even find U Tube videos.

### Three Generation Families

Remember- we need the forms back by June 1. They were in the last newsletter or can be picked up at the office. We want to recognize all of these families in Central Montana at the fair, so please help us distribute these forms and get them back, along with a family photo if possible.

### Legacy Leaders

Do you know a Montana 4-H Alumnus that has continued to serve in their community? We need you to nominate these leaders for this recognition. Forms were in the last newsletter, or can be picked up at the Extension Office. These are due June 1.

### Wear Green Day

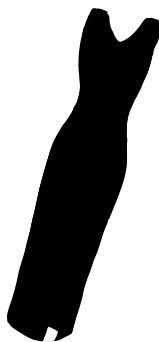
May 1. Everyone in 4-H, alumnus and supporters will "show their green" on May 1 to recognize 100 year of Montana 4-H. Please help spread the word!

### Centennial Raffle

Six incredible prizes: Greytak Framed Print, Quilt, and Four \$500 gift certificates from Montana Custom Hat Makers. Only 500 tickets sold and six chances to win. Tickets are \$20 and available in the Extension Office. All proceeds go to the Montana 4-H Foundation.

### Centennial Black Dress/Green Tie Gala

Date: September 28<sup>th</sup>  
Holiday Inn- Billings Montana  
Mark your calendars and plan on attending this exciting event. 4-Hers young and old from across the state will attend to enjoy a night of fine dining, 4-H memories and dancing with Kyle Shobe and the Walk-em-Boys.



## Dates to keep in mind!

### Rural Community Development Grants

Due May 15

Up to \$500 per rural youth organization applying for a project that will improve the quality of life in rural communities. Applications available at the Extension Office.

### Columbia Sheep Starter Flock Program

Applicants must be 11 to 16 years of age, have facilities and the ability to care for the flock, must have support of their family and must name a member of the MT Columbia Sheep Breeder as a sponsor. Applications are due August 1 and the 4 Columbia Ewes will be awarded at the Columbia Sheep Show and Sale August 25<sup>th</sup> in Lewistown. The flock must be maintained for 3 years and shown at their local fair. Email Luanne Wallewein at [www.wallywld@nothermtel.net](mailto:www.wallywld@nothermtel.net)

### Small Animal Judging Clinics

Poultry Judging on Thursday May 10, 9 am to 4 pm in Helena- cost is \$89.

Small Animal Judging, (cats, rabbits, poultry for breed standards and showmanship), on Friday, May 11, 9 am to 4:30 pm in Helena.- \$5 per person. (\$50 county fee will be paid)

Transportation will be provided and lodging paid by the Leaders Ed Fund. We will leave early Thursday morning and return Friday evening. Anyone interested contact Jennifer ASAP for registration information.

## Safe Sitter Boot Camp

Baby-sitter training offered for kids ages 11-13. This training will take place on Wednesday, June 6, at the Central Montana Medical Center, from 8:30 a to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$15.00 and this includes lunch, snacks, workbook and certificate. This is a great training brought to you by the Extension Office and the Central Montana Medical Center providing basic training for the care of kids! To register, call the Central Montana Medical Center Foundation office, 535-6309. Class size is limited.





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Steve Shea Memorial Money has been used to purchase prizes for the first members to register and attend the 4-H Family Camp Out at Petrolia Lake, June 8-9, 2012. The prizes include: fishing poles, tackle boxes and tackle for the first four; fishing poles for the next four; targets and bug nets for the next four and orange hunting vests and caps for the last 13. We will also draw for a tent during camp.

Don't forget to wear your **GREEN** on May 1st to recognize 100 years of Montana 4-H.

*Spread the word!*