

DECEMBER

- 3-4 **Shooting Sports Instructor Training**, Malta
- 4 **State Make It With Wool Contest**, Billings
- 4 **Foster Care Breakfast**, Volunteers needed
- 6-20 **Cross Stitch** continues, 4:00 p.m. Mondays
- 7 **Cloverbud Club**, 4:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 7 **Air Rifle**
- 7 **Livestock Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 8 **Horse Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 10-11 **Shooting Sports Instructor Training**, Helena
- 11 **Livestock Judging Clinic**, Choteau; call Extn Office for details
- 12 **Video Horse Judging**, 2:00 p.m., Westgate Mall Meeting Room
- 14 **Electricity 1 Project Meeting**, 4:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 14 **Teen Activity Night**, 6:30 - 8:00, Murph's Bowling Center
- 15 **Teen Leader Project Plans Due**
- 24& 31 **Holidays - Extension Office Closed**

ALSO:

Yearly Calendars
Welcome to New Clubs
Club Minutes
Greytak Calendars

People Partner Grants
Community Service Opportunities
Foundation Scholarships,
Western Regional Leaders Forum

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY

- 3 **Candy Sale Begins**
- 3-31 **Cross Stitch** continues, 4:00 p.m., Mondays
- 3 **.22 Rifle registration night**, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Club
- 4 **.22 Rifle begins**, 6:00 p.m., Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Club
- 4 **Oral Reasons Judging Class** for Horse and Livestock, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office
- 4 **Cloverbud Club**, 4:00 - 5:00, Extension Meeting Room
- 4 **Livestock Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 6 **Speech Workshop**, 7:00, Extension Meeting Room
- 7 **Archery Begins**
- 9 **Weigh-In for Beef Rate of Gain Contest** - Yeager's C-Bar Enterprises, 1-3 p.m.
- 11 **Electricity Level 1**, 4:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 11 **Teen Activity Night**, 6:30 - 8:00, Extension Meeting Room
- 12 **Horse Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 14 **KMON Registrations Due**
- 17 **Holiday- Office Closed**
- 18 **Beef Intent to Enter forms due**
- 18 **Legislative Breakfast**, Helena
- 22 **KMON Meats, Crops, Livestock Judging Contests**
- 25 **Crochet Workshop**, 4:00, Extension Office
- 31-1 **Speech Contests**
- 31 **Candy Sale Orders Called to Chairman**
- 31 **People Partner Applications due**
- 31 **Last date for Late Intent to Enter Beef forms**

📢 **REMINDER** 📢

Enrollment forms of all returning 4-H members and leaders should now be in the

Extension Office! If your form has not been received, you will be dropped from the mailing list for the next 4-H newsletter. Leaders - be sure you have checked on your enrollment form any committees you want to serve on this year. Additional enrollments and changes in projects will be accepted until May 1.

4-H YEARLY CALENDAR

The 2005 yearly **4-H calendar** is now available for organizational leaders to pick up for their clubs (one per family) if they have not already done so. Watch the calendar in the monthly newsletter for any changes.

CLUB MINUTES

Just a reminder that our office should receive a copy of the minutes of your club meetings. Submit these however it is most convenient. Club secretaries may write them on the forms provided in the secretary's book - we would be glad to make a copy for you, or they may be typed on your computer and you may submit a hard copy or e-mail them to our office at sknowles@montana.edu.

WELCOME To Our Newest 4-H Clubs

We want to welcome these new clubs for the 2004-2005 4-H year and thank the organizational leaders for making the 4-H experience available to some terrific new members.

**Theresa Neuman Sun River Dirt Devils
Amber Letz (No Name Yet)
Nancy Shaw-Petley Freedom 4-H
and Jacqueline Ledford**

GREYTAK CALENDARS

Greytak calendars are still available for purchase at the Extension Office. These calendars make a great gift, and all illustrations are suitable for framing. Calendars

are \$10.00 each. Clubs may also choose to sell the calendars and will earn \$2.50 per calendar. All payment must be made upon receipt of the calendars.

PEOPLE PARTNERS GRANTS

The People Partner grant program offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in the community with projects involving 4-H members in determining a need, completing a grant application and implementing the project. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due February 1. Up to \$5000.00 will be awarded to Montana 4-H clubs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Salvation Army is in need of Bell Ringers for the holiday season. If your club could do a shift, please call them at 453-0391.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cascade 4-H Foundation will award a \$1,000.00 Fred Sanborn Scholarship for 4-H Agricultural project members, a \$400 Doug A. Dear Memorial Scholarship for beef breeding or market beef projects and up to seven, \$500.00 scholarships to **first time applicants** and four \$500.00 to **previous scholarship winners** for overall 4-H work. These scholarships are available to 4-H members who are graduating **seniors or have** completed one or more quarters or semesters of college, university, vo-tech or trade school. All applications are due March 31 and are available at the Extension Office. Recipients will be announced at the April 21st 4-H Foundation meeting.

Western Regional Leaders Forum Strike It Rich in California Sacramento, February 23-27, 2005

Registration and information can be found on the web at www.ca4h.org/WRLF2005. If you do not have access to the web, contact the Extension Office. Early bird registration is due December 3. Registration remains open until January 12.

172 warm and cuddly baby blankets were delivered to Benefis East on November 23.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU *Debra Royce* and

Kathy Perry from Bernina who provided all the sewing machines and their time for two days of sewing, to Clothing Chairperson, **Janel Krezowski and other Clothing Committee members** and to the following members, leaders and parents who assisted in the construction of the baby blankets: *Kelly Ashley, Shaylin Ashley, Aubrey Beaumont, Carla Bernard, Maria Bernhardt, Megan Bernhardt, Ashley Betzel, Sabrina Betzel, Cade Blanchard, Carla Blanchard, Cord Blanchard, Jessica Bracha, Hayden Broesder, Megan Broesder, Patty Broesder, Nick Bryan, Tess Bryan, LeAnn Budeski, Jeanette Carlisle, Barb Carroll, Kelsey Carroll, Kaylene Chalmers, Mary Ann Christiaens, Mary Christiaens, Belinda Darlinton, Matt Darlinton, Kelsey Devlin, Sheri Devlin, April Dower, David Dower, Glen Dower, Teresa Dower, Biranna Dirscoll, Manon Driscoll, Mary Anne Driscoll, Kathy Dunn, Cody Fulbright, Harvey Fulbright, Jeri Fulbright, Jessica Fulbright, Sean Fulbright, Lisa Hardiman, Donna Harding, Mandee Harding, Drew Irvine, Michaela Irvine, Andrew Johnson, Holly Johnson, Isabelle Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Natasha Johnson, Sherann Johnson, April Jones, Courtney Jones, Chilo Ketterling, JoVonne Ketterling, Jeanna LaVerdure, Sonja LaVerdure, Kathleen Lay, Lasha Lohg, Traci Lukkason, Kara Lundby, Kirk Lundby, Jensen Lundy, Joelle Lundy, Brianna McMillan, Kim Mehaffey, Michael Mehaffey, Steve Mehaffey, Pam Murrill, Rikki Murrill, Katelyn Nelson, Jayrene Ogawa, Niko Ogawa, Jenie Ogle, Karissa Procopio, Leesha Procopio, Bekka Russell, Maddie Russell, Kathy Schlimgen, Maggie Schlimgen, Victoria Silva, Janet Smith, Katie Smith, Kaylene Smith, Kelsey Smith, LeAnn Smith, Barb Sproles, Kayla Sproles, Abby Strandell, Roba Strandell, Madison Watkins, Logan Wedum, Wendy Wedum, Jillian Wiggers, Agnes Wingett, Nate Witham, Kate Witt.*

A girls jacket was left at the baby blanket construction. It can be claimed at the Extension Office.

VANISHED VIDEOS AND BOOKS - Please check to see if you have 4-H materials or videos from our loan library checked out that are overdue and need to be returned to the Extension Office.

TEEN ACTIVITY NIGHT

Tuesday, December 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Murph's Bowling Center

Participants will need to buy a target the first night at a cost of **\$1.50**. The range fee is **\$2.00** each session if you have your own equipment and **\$3.00** if you use the equipment at the range.

All archery sessions will take place at the **Archer's Den, 1520 River Drive North**. Watch the January newsletter for times.

5515 2nd Avenue North

Come join us for an evening of fun and service. This activity is for any 4-H member who was at least 13 years old by October 1, 2004.

Meet at Murph's Bowling Center at 6:30 p.m. and bring \$2.50 to cover the cost of bowling and shoes. **CALL** the Extension Office (454-6980) to register by December 10 so enough lanes can be reserved! Thank you to 4-H teen leader Jeanette Carlisle for making our bowling arrangements.

Bring a child's toothbrush and small tube of toothpaste; we will make gift bags for foster care children as a community service project. If you have **small motel soaps, shampoos, conditioners, lotions**, etc. we will include these in the bags as well.

PROJECT NEWS

ARCHERY

January 7 marks the beginning of our county-wide **archery** program. It will continue for 8 weeks with State Fair target to be shot the weekend of March 12th. To participate you must be enrolled in the Archery Project (6230). If you have not already enrolled and would like to participate in archery, contact the Extension office.

You must shoot at least **6 of the 8 sessions** to be eligible to shoot the *State Fair Match*. Complete copies of **ARCHERY GUIDELINES** are available at the Extension Office and at the first archery session.

SAFETY IS OUR FIRST CONCERN. Any member not complying with the safety rules will be asked to leave the range and may not return for future sessions this year.

Your **4-H Journals** are an important part of the project. Each member should complete the first section, "What I Plan to Do" before beginning on January 9th.

CLOVERBUD CLUB

December 7, 4:00 - 5:00
Extension Meeting Room

Any Cloverbud in Cascade County is invited to join us the first Tuesday of each month for a variety of

activities conducted by our teen ambassadors. If you missed the first two sessions, be sure to join us for the December fun. Cost is \$5.00 for the remaining 6 sessions or \$1.00 per session. If you have not already pre-registered, please call (454-6980) and let us know your Cloverbud will be in attendance so we will have adequate supplies.

We will create holiday fun at our December session.

CROCHET

There will be no crochet class in December. The next class will be January 25th. Watch the January newsletter for details.

ELECTRICITY LEVEL 1

The electricity Level 1 class will meet with Billy Hansen at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 14 in the Extension Office Meeting Room.

SMALL ENGINES

There will be **NO Small Engines** workshop in December. Watch the next newsletter for announcement of the January session.

FOODS COMMITTEE

The foods committee will meet on Wednesday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Extension Office. We will be planning activities for Funtastic Foods Day scheduled for February 19 as well as plans for Foods Festival and any other foods activities for the year. Any leader, parent or teen leader interested in our county foods program is encouraged to attend.

RIFLE BEGINS

.22 Rifle begins on Monday, January 3rd. All members enrolled in rifle need to attend the 6:00 p.m. **registration and orientation session on Jan. 3rd**. Registration fee is \$20.00 to cover cost of targets and range usage. Ammunition

ATTENTION HORSE AND LIVESTOCK 4-H ERS
If you have not yet turned in your *4-H Permission, Release and Assumption of Risk for Participation* form, remember you must do so by Dec. 15, 2004. These forms are available at the Extension Office.

HORSE AND LIVESTOCK JUDGING:
If you wish to receive notices on judgings held AFTER the

may be purchased as needed at \$1.00 per box. Be sure to take your *4-H membership card* verifying your enrollment for this year. **Shooting will begin on Tuesday, January 4th** and continue on Tuesday evenings. All rifle activities will take place at the Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Club.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

Two shooting sports trainings are being offered in December. One will be held in Malta December 3 and 4 and one in Helena December 10 and 11 to certify 4-H leaders to teach this sport. Possible workshop choices will be hunting, archery, air rifle, air pistol, shotgun and hunting and black powder.

If interested, please contact the Extension Office for more information and registration.

TEEN LEADER PLANS DUE

Any member, 13 or older, who is enrolled in the Teen Leadership Project must turn in a copy of their *Teen Leader Plan* to the Extension Office by Dec. 15.

This project is designed for teens who are assisting other members in their club or throughout the county with any project or activity. If this description fits you, and you have not signed up for the teen leader project, you may want to consider doing so. Sheryl would be glad to assist any of you with your plans. Forms are available at the Extension Office if you need one.

CANDY SALE

Our annual candy sale to support the programs of the Montana 4-H Foundation and the Cascade 4-H Foundation begins January 2 and runs through January 26. Club leaders will have all of the order information for club members. Each person is asked to sell 5 (\$5.00/box) or 12 (\$2.00/box) of candy or donate \$7.00. Sales materials will be available by late December for club leaders to begin picking up. Candy products are from World's Finest Chocolate and will include order forms for \$5.00 boxes and \$2.00 bars and boxes.

newsletter has gone out, you must sign up by calling the Extension Office, and we will notify you only when there is a judging that was **not** published in the newsletter.

Attention At Large Members!!

Livestock *Intent to Enter Forms* are available at the Extension Office. Remember to come here for your

forms. Be sure you complete and sign forms before bringing them to the office.

LIVESTOCK LISTINGS

LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING

Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.

We will have a short meeting. Bring your favorite cookies or snack to eat and a wrapped gift of \$5 or less to play **Eskimo Bingo**.

Reminder - The 4-H member needs to fill out and sign the *Intent to Enter forms* and parents also need sign it. **The Extension office will not accept forms parents fill out in the office.** Be sure these forms are complete before you bring them in.

NEW!! We have **new resource books for Swine, Sheep and Beef** projects. They are excellent and cover a range of topics. You are welcome to borrow these books from our Lending Library at any time. If you want your own copy, please see Jan in the Extension Office by Dec. 17th. Each book is **\$15.00 and must be pre-paid.**

Oral Reasons Training - Livestock Judging

Leo and Alena Ogg will sharpen your skills to help you be confident and successful at giving oral reasons at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 7th at the Extension Office. This is open to all ages and will help prepare you for the KMON Contest on January 17, 2004.

A **live judging** is scheduled in December in Shelby, and the information will be available at the December 7th training. Call the Extension Office, 454-6980, to sign up.

2005 MontanaFair Jr. Livestock Show

Anyone wanting to show in the 2004 MontanaFair in Billings is required to bring their animals to PAYS on January 29th from 9 am to 12 pm for weighing and tagging.

Division Chairpersons needed for 2005 State Fair

Applications are now being taken for the positions of **Division Chairs** and **Junior Division Chairs** for Beef, Sheep/Breeding and Swine for the 2005 Montana State Fair. We will select adults and teens to work together in each of these areas. Responsibilities include assisting with check in, organizing market/showmanship classes, coordinating helpers and managing the Sale. For applications and additional information, contact the Extension Office 454-6980.

Each exhibitor can tag two animals per species and they must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. Call the Extension Office for more information, 454-6980.

FSA Loans to Rural 4-Hers - -

Remember Farm Service Agency if you need a loan to get your livestock project going. Call Janet Smith at 727-7580, ext. 108 for more information.

Junior AG Loans Available -- The Montana Department of Agriculture, funds are available for its Junior Ag loans. Contact Sam Antonick at (406) 444-2402 for further information, brochures or application forms. A limited number of forms are at the Extension Office.

Mark Your Calendars:

- Dec. 7** Livestock Judging Training - Giving Reasons, 6:30 p.m., Extension Meeting room.
- Dec. 11** Livestock Judging Clinic, Choteau; call Extn Office for details
- Dec. 29** Golden Triangle Livestock Judging, Wallewien Farm north of Shelby; free, but bring sack lunch
- Jan. 1** All market beef ear tagged & in possession
- Jan. 4** Livestock Leaders meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 9** Beef Rate of Gain at Yeager's, 1-3 p.m.
- Jan. 18** **All Market Beef Intent to Enter the Montana State Fair Forms are DUE in the Extension Office with \$10 fee. Late entries accepted until Jan. 31 with a \$25.00 per animal fee. If you have not received your form from your livestock leader, contact him/her or the Extension Office.** Remember, the Intent to Enter **does not** automatically enter your animal in the 2005 State Fair.
- Jan. 22** KMON Livestock/Meats Judging Contest
- Jan. 29** 2004 Montana Fair beef tagging, Billings

Applications are due by March 31.

HORSE HAPPENINGS

HORSE LEADERS MEETING

Wednesday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Extension Meeting Room

Bring your favorite treat to share, a \$5.00 wrapped gift

and enjoy a game of **Eskimo Bingo**. The Policy and Rule book will be updated and printed in January. One copy per family will be made available.

HORSE EDUCATION AND CLINICS -- Do you have a great idea for an education class or a riding clinic? Call the Extension office (454-6980) to share that with us. We are looking for as many ideas as possible to work on for the next year. The first education session is scheduled for January 12th. More information to come on this.

NEEDED: Do you have or know of anyone who has riding helmets they are willing to loan or donate to riders at the clinics? If you do, please call the Extension Office.

NEW!! The Lending Library has a new resource book called "**Talk to your Horse.**" It has received rave reviews and is being frequently checked out. If you want to have your own personal copy, please see Jan at the Extension Office by Dec. 17th. The book is **\$15.00 per copy** and must be pre-paid .

Reminder: The horse leaders have a number of videos in the Extension lending library on a variety of subjects. See also the Horse-Lover's Encyclopedia! Come in and check them out from our library.

4-H VIDEOS AND MATERIALS OUT ON LOAN

If you have **4-H materials or videos** checked out that are overdue, please return them to the office. Please take a minute to check through your videos, and 4-H books to see if you have any that belong to the office.

State 4-H Horse Show Results

Showmanship (12-14)- Brittnee Klick 2nd, Brooke Klick 6th
Yearling at Halter - Rebekah Kelley 2nd, Neil Gebhardt 6th
Bareback Equitation - Lindsey Garpestad 6th
Bareback Equitation (12-14) - Brittnee Klick 2nd, Morgan Merja 3rd
Ranch Horse lvl 1 - Leslie Klick 7th
Ranch Horse lvl 2 - Todd Standley 3rd
Ranch Horse lvl 3 - Ryan Long 3rd
2 yr old C2M/Green Horse Western - Jaclyn Gebhardt 2nd, Tesla McDowell 8th
3 yr old C2M/Green Horse Western - Brittnee Klick 1st, Leslie Klick 3rd
4 yr old C2M/Green Horse Western - Ryan Long 5th
Western Horsemanship lvl 2 - Nadene Davidson 2nd, Lindsey Garpestad 5th, Alyshia Thomas 8th
Western Horsemanship lvl 3 - Brooke Klick 6th, Morgan Merja 8th
Western Horsemanship lvl 5 - Leslie Klick 2nd, Brittnee

Klick 7th

Western Horsemanship lvl 6 - Todd Standley 3rd

English Horsemanship lvl 1 - Nadene Davidson 6th

English Horsemanship lvl 2 - Brooke Klick 1st, Lindsey Garpestad 2nd

English Horsemanship lvl 4 - Brittnee Klick 1st

English Horsemanship lvl 5 - Leslie Klick 1st

Trail (12-14) - Brittnee Klick 6th, Brooke Klick 7th

Trail (15-18) - Todd Standley 7th, Ryan Long 8th

Trail Yearling - Rebekah Kelley 1st, Morgan Merja 5th

C2M/Green Horse English 3 yr old - Brittnee Klick 2nd, Leslie Klick 6th

Western Equitation lvl 1-3 - Brooke Klick 1st, Morgan Merja 3rd, Heidi Kostas 4th

Western Equitation lvl 4-6 - Brittnee Klick 5th

English Equitation lvl 1-3 - Brooke Klick 2nd

English Equitation lvl 4-6 - Brittnee Klick 3rd

Looking Ahead:

Dec. 7 **Oral Reasons class**, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 12 **Video Horse Judging**, 2:00 p.m. Westgate mtg rm

Jan. 12 **Horse Leaders meeting**, 7:00 p.m.

Sincerely,

Sheryl Knowles Wendy Wedum
Cascade County Extension Agents

CASCADE COUNTY DECEMBER 4-H NEWSLETTER

*Best Wishes
for the Holidays*

Cascade County Extension Service