



DECEMBER

- 2 **State Make It With Wool Contest**, Billings
- 4-18 **Cross Stitch** continues, 4:00 p.m. Mondays, Extension Meeting Room
- 4-18 **Knitting** continues, 4:00 p.m. Mondays, Extension Meeting Room
- 4 **Horse Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 5 **Cloverbud Club**, 4:30 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 5 **Livestock Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 8-9 **Baby Blanket Construction**, Westgate Meeting Room
- 11 **Teen Night**, 6:30 - 8:00, Extension Meeting Room
- 12 **Deliver Baby Blankets**, 6:00 p.m., Benefis East
- 15 **Teen Leader Project Plans Due**
- 25&Jan 1 **Holidays - Extension Office Closed**
- 29 **Schwartz Breeding Heifer** applications due

ALSO:

Enrollment Forms
Yearly Calendars
Club Minutes
Beef Give Away Gift Certificates
Get Fit 4-H
Ambassador News
Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet
Greytak Calendars
People Partner Grants

Club Educational Program
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IFYE
Space Grant Internships
Foundation Scholarships,
Nut Sale
Western Regional Leaders Forum

LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY



- 1 **Holiday- Office Closed**
- 1 **IFYE Applications Due**
- 2 **Cloverbud Club**, 4:30, Extension Meeting Room
- 2 **Nut Sale Begins**
- TBA **Livestock Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 2-30 **.22 Rifle**, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Club
- 5-26 **Archery, FRIDAY'S**, Archer's Den
- 7 **Weigh-In for Beef Rate of Gain Contest** - Yeager's C-Bar Enterprises & Tracy Scale, 1-2:30 p.m.
- 8 **Horse Leaders Meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Meeting Room
- 8-29 **Cross Stitch** continues, 4:00 p.m., Mondays
- 8-29 **Knitting** continues, 4:00 p.m., Mondays
- 10 **Clothing Committee meeting**, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office
- 11-15 **Western Regional Leaders Forum**, Phoenix, AZ
- 12 **KMON Registration Due**
- 12-14 **Alberta Leaders Forum**
- 13 **Babysitting Workshop**, 9:00, Campfire Office
- 15 **Holiday- Office Closed**
- 16 **Legislative Breakfast**, Helena
- 16 **Beef Intent to Enter forms due**
- 18 **Robotics**, 6:00 p.m., Westgate Meeting Room
- 20 **KMON Meats, Crops, Livestock Judging Contests**
- 31 **Last day 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 we have not received your form, 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 are willing to serve on this year. Additional enrollments and changes in projects will be accepted until May 1. All livestock and horse members must also turn in their signed risk/permission forms by Dec. 15.

4-H YEARLY CALENDAR

The 2006-2007 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. Hint: Members, this calendar is a great place to keep track of your 4-H activities to help you record information in your journals.

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 submitted in hard copy, faxed to our office (454-6984) or e-mailed to sknowles@montana.edu.

BEEF GIVE AWAY GIFT CERTIFICATES

Just a reminder to all members who received a gift certificate to National 4-H Supply for their great beef ticket salesmanship to place their orders at the Extension Office as soon as possible so merchandise may be ordered.

GET FIT 4-H

Staying active in the winter months is just as important as the rest of the year. It keeps your immune system in tip-top shape and helps avoid those extra pounds. Find a walkable indoor venue such as a mall or school, try snowshoeing, cross country skiing or swim at a local indoor pool.

Healthy snacks can give us the boost we need for that winter physical activity. Choose "grab and go" snacks such as string cheese, whole grain crackers or rice cakes, fresh or dried fruit, baby carrots, cauliflower or other vegetables.

TEEN NIGHT

Were you at least 13 by October 1, 2006?? If so, join us for teen night for all 4-H teens on Monday, December 11 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room. Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share.

MONTANA 4-H YOUTH CABINET

The Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet is looking for energetic 4-H youth leaders. You must be 14 by October 1, 2006, been in 4-H for at least 3 years and willing to serve a 2-year term. Meetings will be in Bozeman and Helena and will center on issues such as enrollment, Congress, community service and more! If interested in an application, go to the 4-H website <http://montana4h.org> or contact the Extension Office.

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 PARTNER 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.

CLUB EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

4-H leader Dolly Dwyer has returned from Washington D.C. where she was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame. She would be happy to be a speaker at one of your club meetings to share her experience. You may contact her at 452-0044.

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Walden Media and Paramount Pictures have teamed up to produce a new version of the classic movie Charlotte's Web, a film about 4-H, a pig and a spider, starring Dakota Fanning. The movie premieres December 20. You can visit the website at <http://www.charlotteswebmovie.com>

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Join other 4-H members and leaders for **Holiday Singing** at Highgate House Senior Living, 3000 11th Avenue South, on Saturday, December 23 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Lisa Hardiman 455-6412.

IFYE OPPORTUNITIES

The Australia IFYE program scheduled for June 20-July 19, 2007, is filling quickly. If you are planning to apply for this opportunity, apply EARLY. Two adults will be selected as chaperons. Contact the Extension Office for application materials.

SPACE GRANT INTERNSHIPS

The Montana Space Grant Consortium has received funding for four student internships at NASA centers during 2007. The application is online. For information and questions about the program, contact Donna Minton at donna@spacegrant.montana.edu

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Cascade 4-H Foundation will award a \$1,000.00 Fred Sanborn Scholarship for 4-H Agricultural project members, a \$500 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 scholarships to **previous winners** for overall 4-H work. **A NEW \$500 scholarship is also available to LEADERS pursuing higher education.**

These scholarships are available to 4-H members who are 2007 graduating **seniors or students who have** completed one or more quarters or semesters of college, university, vocational or trade school. All applications are due March 31 and are available at the Extension Office. Recipients will be announced at the April 18th 4-H Foundation meeting.

NUT SALE

This year we will again be selling NUT products in order to support the programs of the Montana 4-H Foundation and the Cascade 4-H Foundation. There is an even greater selection of nut products offered this year. The sale begins January 2 and runs through February 5. Club leaders will have all of the order information for club

members. Each person is asked to sell \$25.00 of nut products or donate \$7.00. Sales materials will be available by late December for club leaders to begin picking up.

WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM

4-H . . . 105° of Fun

January 11-15, Phoenix, Arizona

Join adults and teens from 13 western states in sunny, warm Phoenix. The WRLF is the place to meet new and old friends, share ideas, explore new skills and learn the latest in 4-H. Information and registration can be found at http://ag.arizona.edu/4_h/wr_forum/registration.html or by contacting the Extension Office.

PROJECT NEWS

AIR RIFLE: State Fair shoot for air rifle will be held on Tuesday, November 28. A very special thank you to Jim and Tammy Mitchell, Emil Nygard, Chris Graham, Pat Collins and Kathy Johnson who have so generously donated so many hours to provide instruction for our 4-H members. We also wish to thank all parents who assist in any way at the range.

ARCHERY: CHANGE AGAIN! - Archery has now been changed back to **FRIDAY NIGHTS** again. January 5 marks the beginning of our county **archery** program. It will continue for 8 weeks with State Fair target to be shot March 2nd or 3rd. 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 or 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 the remainder of the 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 5th.

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. This is paid at Archer's Den.

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

CERAMICS: Shirley's Ceramics will begin making class time available after the first of the year to members who want to do ceramics. Classes will most likely be held on Saturdays. Watch future newsletters for more details.

CLOVERBUD CLUB: Any Cloverbud in Cascade County is invited to join us at 4:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month in the Extension meeting room for activities conducted by our teen ambassadors. If you missed the first two sessions, be sure to join us December 5th. 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.

CLOTHING: MAKE IT WITH WOOL Congratulations to Megan Broesder who took first place in the junior division at the District 3 Make It With Wool Contest and will be competing in the state contest in Billings on December 2. Best of Luck, Megan!!

CROSSSTITCH: Classes continue each Monday from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Extension Office meeting room with leader Carol Linafelter.

KNITTING: Meet with Susan Wanke 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room each Monday for knitting.

RIFLE BEGINS: .22 Rifle begins Tuesday, January 2nd. All members enrolled in rifle need to attend the 6:00 p.m. **registration and orientation session on Jan. 2nd**. Registration fee is \$20.00 to cover cost of targets and range usage. Equipment is provided. Ammunition 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 January 9th and continue on Tuesday evenings. All rifle activities will take place at the Great Falls Rifle and Pistol Club.

ROBOTICS: There are still spaces available in the robotics project which will begin January 18 and meet the first and third Thursday of each month from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Westgate Mall meeting room through May. Members must be at least 12 years old. First priority will be given to members of military families as the equipment was purchased with military grant funds.

TEEN LEADERSHIP: Any member, 13 or older who is enrolled in the Teen Leadership Project must turn in a copy of their *Teen Leader Plan* by **December 15** to the Extension Office. 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 with your plans. Forms are available at the Extension Office if you need one.

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, 2006. These forms are available at the Extension Office. You can not participate in horse or livestock events until these forms are turned in.

LIVESTOCK LISTINGS

LIVESTOCK LEADERS MEETING will be held Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite cookies or snack to eat and a wrapped gift of \$5 or less to play **Eskimo Bingo**. All proposed rule changes were voted on and passed during the November meeting. The rules book will be updated and available by February.

Intent to Enter Reminder - The 4-H member needs to fill out and **sign** the *Intent to Enter forms*; a parent also needs to sign the form. **The Extension office will not accept forms parents fill out in the office.** *Be sure these forms are complete before you bring them in.* Animal descriptions are important; make sure the color and unique markings are clear. If the animal's description on the county show form is different than what is on the Intent form, **it will not be allowed to show/sell.**

Attention At Large Members!! -- Beef **Intent to Enter Forms** are available at the Extension Office. Remember to come here for your forms and ear tag number(s). Be sure you complete and sign forms before bringing them to the office.

Remember to use an Ear Tag marking pen on the ear tags. It lasts longer and is easy to read.

We have **resource books and Learning Labs for Swine, Sheep and Beef** projects. They are excellent and cover a range of topics. You are welcome to borrow these books and kits from our Lending Library at any time. If you want your own copy of the resource book, please see Jan in the Extension Office. Each book is **\$15 and must be pre-paid before ordering.**

NILE RESULTS -

Congratulations and Good Job to the NILE livestock judging team of **Brandi McBride** (559), **Alyssa McKelvey** (559), **Amy Warner** (505) and **Shayna Warner** (491). The team placed 14th. Individual scores are in parentheses. Many thanks to **Greg Warner** for chaperoning the Team to Billings.

Livestock Judging Events - Choteau, Dec. 9th

This event is open to 4-H and FFA members. Cost is \$7 per person and includes lunch. The MSU Judging Team is doing the clinic and judging the competition. Call Milford Wearley at 466-5303 by December 1st to register. If you judge, remember to give the Extension office a copy of your scores!

Wallewein Farm (Oilmont area) Dec. 27th.

Free judging, register at 9:45 a.m. and bring a sack lunch. Dress appropriately for the weather. Call the Extension Office for directions.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Intent to Enter Changes

The **Intent to Enter deadline for Sheep and Swine projects is MARCH 15th**. This will help us have a better count for the processing plants. As the intent process is mostly paperwork, the ownership deadline of May 1, 2007, will not change. 4-H market lamb and swine members will submit their paperwork in March and provide animal descriptions by **May 15th** (these may be phoned, faxed, e-mailed or brought into the office).

SCHWARTZ SIMMENTAL HEIFER PROJECT

4-H members between 10-15 years of age can apply now for a registered Simmental heifer sponsored by Stew and Delores Schwartz of the Spring Valley Ranch. The purpose of this breeding project is to increase a 4-H member's knowledge of cattle production and the Simmental breed. This is open to 4-H members in Cascade and Teton Counties. Applications are at the Extension Office and are due on December 29th.

2007 Montana State Fair Jr. Livestock Show

Anyone wanting to show at the 2007 Montana State Fair in Great Falls will need to contact Montana ExpoPark at 727-8900 regarding entry information.

2007 MontanaFair Jr. Livestock Show

Anyone wanting to show in the 2007 MontanaFair in Billings is required to bring their animals to PAYS on January 27th from 9 am to 12 p.m. for weighing and tagging. Each exhibitor can tag two animals per species and they must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. Call the Yellowstone Extension Office for more information, 256-2828.

FSA Loans to Rural 4-Hers - -

Remember to contact the 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 -- Through the Montana Department of Agriculture, funds are available for 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. 9** Livestock Judging Clinic, Choteau; call 466-5303 to register before Dec. 1.
- Dec. 27** 9:45 registration, Golden Triangle Livestock Judging, Wallewein Farm north of Shelby; directions/information are at the Extension office.
- Dec. 29** Schwartz Heifer Applications due in the Ext. Ofc.
- Jan. 1** All market beef ear tagged & in possession
- TBA** Livestock Leaders meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 7** Beef Rate of Gain at Yeager's and the Tracy Scales, 1-2:30 p.m. No weights after 2:30 p.m.
- Jan. 16** **All Market Beef Intent to Enter the Cascade County Livestock Show 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** enter your animal in the 2007 County Livestock Show. There is a separate County Show entry form.
- Jan. 20** KMON Meats/Livestock Judging Contest
- Jan. 28** 2007 Montana Fair beef tagging, Billings
- Mar. 15** Intent to Enter Market Lamb and Swine due in the Extension office.

Rabbit Courtesy Announcement:

For Sale - Chandini Rabbitry has Netherland Dwarfs and Holland Lops for sale. For more information call Brenda or Rhiannon at 727-3178.

HORSE AND LIVESTOCK JUDGING:

If you wish to receive notices on judgings held AFTER the 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.

HORSE HAPPENINGS

HORSE LEADERS MEETING

Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m.

Extension Meeting Room

All rule proposals passed at the November meeting. The Policy and Rule book will be updated and available by February. One copy per family will be made available in February. We will play Eskimo Bingo after the meeting. Bring a wrapped, gift of \$5 or less, in order to play. Bring a light snack to share and celebrate.

HORSE EDUCATION -- 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 February 5th. 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.

Helmet Waivers - Reminder for all members enrolled in the Horse project to either wear a helmet during the horse shows or sign a helmet waiver form. **Helmets are required for all riding clinics** - the helmet waiver does not apply. **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* and *Talk to your Horse* book! Come in and check them out from our library. We have **resource books and a Learning Lab for Horse** projects. It is excellent and covers a range of topics. You are welcome to borrow these books, videos and lab from our Lending Library at any time.

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.

Looking Ahead:

Jan. 8 Horse Leaders meeting, 7:00 p.m.

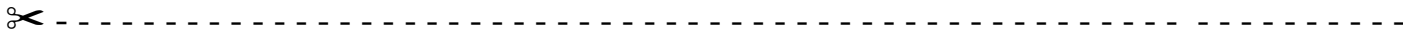
Feb. 5 Horse Education, 6 p.m, location TBA

Mar. 5 Horse Education, 6 p.m. location TBA

Apr. 2 Horse Education, 6 p.m. location TBA

Jun. 16-17 All County Horse Show, King Eq. Ctr.

Jul. 21-22 Cascade Co. Horse Show, King Eq. Ctr.



BABY BLANKET REGISTRATION
Return to the Extension Office by Tuesday, December 5, 2006
(no Cloverbuds please)

Member Name(s) _____ Club _____ Phone _____

Adult Name (s) _____ Club _____ Phone _____

CHECK THE SHIFT YOU WILL BE ASSISTING WITH:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| _____ 3:00 - 5:00, Friday, December 8 | _____ 9:00 - 11:00, Saturday, December 9 |
| _____ 5:00 - 7:00, Friday, December 8 | _____ 11:00 - 1:00, Saturday, December 9 |
| _____ 7:00 - 9:00, Friday, December 8 | _____ 1:00 - 3:00, Saturday, December 9 |

Sincerely,

Sheryl Knowles Wendy Wedum
Cascade County Extension Agents

CASCADE COUNTY DECEMBER 4-H NEWSLETTER



Best Wishes for the Holidays

Cascade County Extension Service