



The Scoop 4-H News

March 2016

A note from Nikki:

We are in for an exciting spring here in Carbon County! Not only do we have our usual events happening around the county, new Ambassadors coming on board, fair poster contests, shooting sports tournaments, and quality assurance classes, but we are also hosting State 4-H Rec Lab! Rec Lab will be held at the Joliet High School this April. The District Ambassadors and Extension Agents have been working hard to plan this fun event. I am excited to show other people from around Montana how awesome Carbon County is! I would encourage anyone who is 13 or older to consider attending Rec Lab. We have some great speakers and activities planned. Rec Lab is a fun way to learn leadership skills to take back to your clubs and communities. If you would like to attend but have conflicts with sports or school, please let me know; we are flexible with attendance and you will be allowed to come and go as you need if it is planned in advance with me. Check out this newsletter for more information. Rec Lab will be a fun packed weekend and I hope to see you all there!

County Website: msuextension.org/carbon

We are working to update our county website. Please be patient..we are hoping to have current items posted soon.

Livestock Project Members

LIVESTOCK QUALITY ASSURANCE IS REQUIRED! Any 4-H or FFA member planning to take an animal to the fair must have quality assurance training every 2 years. New members need to take QA this year. Don't wait until summer to take the class—only 2 classes are left on the schedule! Animal projects include all animals. Every member taking an animal also needs to fill out the animal project waiver and wholesome assurance statement. These need to be turned in to the Extension Office. Forms are available online, at the office and at QA trainings.

Market Animal Dates

MARKET SHEEP/GOAT - FRIDAY, MAY 6 6-7 PM DORVALL'S, FROMBERG

MARKET SWINE TAGS - PICK UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE APRIL 25 — MAY 6

Only swine project members & their family may pick up swine tags.

Thank You to Oswald Family

THANK YOU TO JUSTIN & MELISSA OSWALD & FAMILY FOR THE USE OF THEIR FACILITIES AND THEIR HELP WITH MARKET BEEF WEIGH/TAG DAY.



4-H Calendar

March

- 4 State Air Rifle/Archery**
- 7 Quality Assurance 6:30**
- 9 4-H Council meeting**
- 16 Fair Poster entries due**
- 16 Fair Board meeting**
- 25 Rec Lab registration due**

April

- 1 Project drop/add deadline**
- 1 Ambassador appl. due**
- 8-10 State 4-H Rec Lab**

Important Reminders:

Market Steer Exhibitors..please turn in your livestock release form if you didn't do it at weigh/tag day.

Project drop/add deadline is April 1st

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The last day to Add or Drop a project is April 1st!



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Annual 4-H Calendar

The annual Carbon County 4-H calendar was included in the January newsletter. Many of the dates are established by the state 4-H office. County activities are tentatively scheduled; please watch the monthly newsletter for changes. Save the calendar for easy reference.

Fair Theme Winner

Sophie Hiltner of the Sheep Mountain 4-H club turned in the winning theme for the 2016 Carbon County Fair: **4-H & FFA: Skills For Life**. Sophie received a cash prize from the 4-H Council for her winning entry. Congratulations! Thank you to all of the 4-Hers who submitted entries.

Fair Poster Contest

Fair Book Poster entries are due into the Extension Office by **March 16th**.

Poster guidelines are: Must use winning fair theme “**4-H & FFA: Skills For Life**”, be your own original artwork, 8 1/2 x 11 in size and include 2016. No computer-generated artwork or posters will be accepted.

The Fair Board offers prize money to the top 2 entries! 1st place entry will be used as the cover to the Fair Book & the Livestock Auction Sale Bill. 2nd place entry will be used on Fair advertisements.

Land Lease & Farm Planning Workshop

Leasing Rates & Contracts, Farm Transition Planning

Tues., April 5 6-8 pm Extension Office, Joliet

No Fee, Dinner Provided: Please RSVP 962-3522

MSU Extension Farm Management Specialist Kate Fuller & Joel Schumacher, MSU Economics Specialist will discuss leasing rates & contracts & farm transition plans.

County 4-H Ambassador Application

Do you like being a 4-H member, helping kids, learning leadership skills and having fun? If you are 14 and older, you are eligible to apply to become a county 4-H ambassador. Ambassadors help the Extension Office as needed, promote 4-H, host Cloverbud Camp and work with the District team. Volunteer hours look great on scholarship applications! Questions? Contact the Extension Office, senior Ambassador Kenyon Hatten, Key Leader Shirley Erickson or any of the county team.

Application is included in this newsletter. **Due April 1st**

4-H Council Alumni Scholarship

Congratulations to Katie Braten, 2016 recipient of the Carbon County 4-H Alumni Scholarship.

Wanted: Fair Superintendent

We are looking for adults/leaders who would be interested in becoming a fair superintendent. We have an opening in the Beef division. Candidate must be able to assist in their department during the week of fair, help project members throughout the 4-H year and be able to attend some Fair Board meetings. Please contact Nikki at the Extension Office if you are interested.

Carbon County Fair Board

The next Carbon County Fair Board meeting will be held Wed., March 16th at 7 pm at the Extension Office in Joliet. Meetings are open to the public.

Current Fair Board members are: Chris Skorupa, Phil Nardinger, Kevin Weimer, Dennis Purcell, Chrissy Frank, Danny Mydland, Chad Massar (FFA) & Ann Ballard, Secretary.

★ MT State 4-H Rec Lab is in Joliet ★

Montana State 4-H Rec Lab will be held in Joliet this year! Rec Lab dates are April 8-10. Cost is \$90 with a portion paid by the 4-H Council. 4-H members must be 13 to participate. Fee includes entertainment, meals, event t-shirt and workshop materials. This will be a fun weekend of workshops, entertainment, leadership and friendship!

Registration packets will be mailed to eligible 4-Hers!

REACH FOR THE STARS IN 4-H! Due date: March 25

Scholarships

NILE—Due March 11, 2016 Website: thenile.org

MT 4-H—Due April 1, 2016 Website: montana4h.org

4-H Council & Jerry Weber Memorial—Due July 1, 2016

Livestock Quality Assurance Trainings

Mon., March 7 @ 6:30 pm

Sun., April 10 @ 4:00 pm

All trainings will be at the Extension Office in Joliet.

New Family Handbook

The Carbon County 4-H New Family Handbook is available for free to any leader or 4-H family who would like a copy. The handbook contains state and county 4-H information.

Knock, Knock
Who's there?
Irish
Irish who?
Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!





Ambassadors Corner

2015-16 Ambassador Team:
Ashley, Kenyon, Brittany,
Danni Lynn, Jonathan & Allie
Key Leader Shirley Erickson

The Carbon County Ambassador team along with the other District ambassadors have had a busy winter helping with the State 4-H Rec Lab plans. Our ambassadors are serving as the host team and are working closely with Nikki and Sheri in the Extension Office to plan decorations and activities for portions of the Rec Lab weekend. A "Reach For The Stars" theme has inspired the ambassadors to plan red carpet decorations for the formal dance. Work meetings have been scheduled to start the process of making and compiling decorations.

The Carbon County Ambassador team would like to invite interested, eligible 4-H members to apply for an ambassador position. Applicants must be 4-H members 14 and older. This is a great way to meet people and work on your public speaking skills. Volunteer hours look great on scholarship applications! Deadline is April 1. Application is included in this newsletter.

Clubs... save your change for the charity challenge!
The 2015-16 Charities of Choice are the Carbon County community libraries.

What do you call a bee having a bad hair day? A Frisbee! Ha Ha

4-H Clubs

ARE YOU TURNING IN YOUR CLUB MEETING MINUTES?
Club secretaries should submit monthly club meeting minutes to the Extension Office. Email, mail, fax or drop them by!

International Host Families Needed

There are lots of long & short-term hosting opportunities for 4-H families. Youth from Japan, Costa Rica, Finland and other countries are looking for host families. Go to the state 4-H website to find out more: montana4h.org

Sewing & Quilting Showcase

Open to all 4-H members in the Sewing & Textiles projects. Showcase is April 23 at the New Life Foursquare Church in Laurel. Many different categories include Quilting, Ready To Wear, Duct Tape, etc. Go to the Yellowstone County 4-H website for entry forms and information: <http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension/county4h/forms>

Dorvall Club Lamb Sale & Clinic

Saturday, April 2 @ 11 am
527 Edgar Fromberg Rd, Fromberg
Contact Holly Dorvall (406-425-3027) for more information

A Fit to Show Clinic hosted by Bobby Dorvall will be held during the sale.

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held Wed., March 9 at 7:00 pm at the Extension Office, Joliet.

One adult representative from each 4-H club is encouraged to attend. The 4-H Council serves our county 4-H program and sponsors many of our 4-H events. It's important that there is representation from the entire county at the meetings. This is the place to provide your input! Our Council members are all volunteer leaders and need the support of the entire 4-H community.

Who needs QA?

This is a tentative list (does not include all FFA). Call the Extension Office if you have questions.

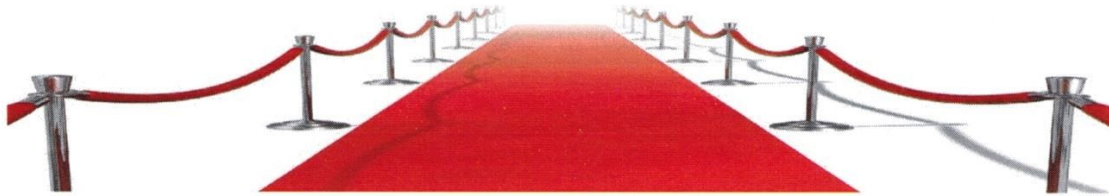
Grace, Katie & Ryan Aisenbrey, Madelynn Albin, Grady, Nick & Sydney Althoff, Walker Antilla, Logan Atkins, Riley Austin, Kaitlyn Bancroft, Gavyn Bickel, MaKenna Bushman, Allyn Carpenter, Townes Catron, Bella & Remi DeSarro, Elizabeth DeVries, Jonathan & Sydney Erickson, Kitrie, Skyler & Trinity Frank, Anna Hanson, Danny Hildebrand, Olivia Hoffman, Jess & Lauren Hoines, Lilly Hyvonen, Spencer Jacobsen, Isabel & James Jeffrey, Natalie Krenning, Kasen Krook, Zoe Larson, Drew & Ethan LeBrun, Stran Lytton, Dymond & Paul McKay, Brooke Miller, Rylan & Chasidy Moldenhauer, Caleb & Grady Nardinger, Becka Nutting, Pepper Overturf, Shawn Perkins, Alexa Reimer, Wyatt Roascio, Isabelle Sager, Noah Salo, Liam Salt, Grace Stampfel, Naomi Stewart, Alexis Sturman, Gavin Thompson, Alyssa & Cole Thormahlen, Ethan Tillman, Braden Tomlin, Bryce Veches, Emily Virgil, Graidy Ward, Avery Walker, Savannah Whitney, Caitlynn Wilson, Skyler Wright, Colby, Colette & Colter Zentner

Carbon County 4-H Facts

- *Top 10 in Montana counties for member enrollment: 257 youth & 69 leaders (3% of county population)
- *11 county clubs & 2 shooting sports groups
- *6 county 4-H ambassadors & 8 county 4-H exchange members
- *1,452 entries at the 2015 Carbon County Fair



*Please consider this your personal invitation
to join us on the red carpet as we
“Reach for the Stars”
at 🍀 Rec Lab, April 8th-10th.*



What is it??? 3 days packed full of fun and meeting new friends!!!

Ever thought of going to State 4-H Congress, but didn't get it together early enough to qualify or were just too nervous to try the unknown that far away from home? Think of this as a similar opportunity that you don't have to qualify for and even better, this year it's in our own back yard in Joliet!!!!

Our Ambassador team has worked hard to help plan this event to make it something that will be fun and not the “same old workshops”. Rec Lab is about doing things hands-on and having a great time!!! It is also an opportunity to meet other 4-H members from across our state.

The Carbon County 4-H Council has agreed to contribute \$20 towards the Rec Lab fee for every member in Carbon County who wants to attend! Please join us and let us help you put the fun back in 4-H!!

Please fill out the enclosed Rec Lab enrollment form and return it to the Extension Office by March 25th, 2016.

Return registration form & medical release with \$70 to:

Carbon County Extension Office
PO Box 230
Joliet, MT 59041

Inspirational national speaker Adam Lee Brooks is coming to Rec Lab! Adam talks to youth about healthy communication skills, body image & bullying. His theatrical background helps him connect with audiences on an entertaining and emotional level.

Adam co-wrote “WTF-Why Teens Fail and What To Fix” & spoke at the 2016 National Western 4-H Roundup

Watch the mail! Rec Lab registration packets will be mailed next week to eligible Carbon County 4-H members. (Must be 13 as of October 1, 2015 to attend.)



Ambassador Application

Year:	Name:
County:	Birth Date:
Address:	City:
Zip:	Phone:
Parents:	High School:
Grade:	GPA:

Major 4-H Projects and Activities: (only include those which you feel competent in conducting workshops and giving instructions to others. Include the specific skill you could teach in each project or activity.)

Major 4-H and other accomplishments (Examples - offices held, awards, etc.)

Leadership Abilities (Examples - record keeping, demonstrations, modeling, camp counselor, assist with workshops, talent, etc.)

On back please indicate why you want to be a 4-H Ambassador.

Parent or guardian signature of approval: _____ Date: _____

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First Name	_____
Last Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____
State	_____
Zip	_____
Phone	_____
Fax	_____
E-mail	_____

Major 1-11 Please list the top 10 reasons why you are running for Ambassador. Be specific and include the specific skills you have that will help you win.

Major 1-11 and other accomplishments in the past 5 years - include dates and locations.

1. Describe the top 3 reasons why you are running for Ambassador. Be specific and include the specific skills you have that will help you win.

On the back please indicate why you want to be a 1-11 Ambassador.

Print or scan the signature of the applicant.

Signature

Signature of the applicant
Date: _____



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