



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

December/January 2016/2017

Great Christmas Gift! - Greytak Calendars

The 2017 Montana Agriculture Calendars featuring the art of Don Greytak are available at the Extension Office. The calendars make great gifts, and all illustrations are suitable for framing. Calendars are \$10.00 each, payable to the 4-H Council.

Get into the Holiday Spirit!

Santa's Secret Shop-Holiday shopping for kids

Join in the holiday shopping fun at Santa's Secret Shop set for Friday, December 2nd, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Courthouse Lobby. Teen 4-H members and parents are asked to assist during the selling hours. A sign up sheet is available at the office. Thank you for your support of this fun Teen 4-H fundraiser!



4-H Mini-Congress

Teens are again planning a fun and exciting event for this year's 4-H Mini-Congress. Teens have a variety of workshops planned to create

an action packed and fun evening.

Youth in third through seventh grade will receive registration forms through school. The event will take place at the Powder River High School on **Thursday, December 29th, from 2:30 until 8:00 p.m.**



Calendar

December

- 1 Enrollment Forms Due
- 2 Santa's Secret Shop, 3:00-7:00, Courthouse Lobby
- 6 Teen 4-H Meeting, Noon
- 29 Mini-Congress, HS

January

- 9 4-H Council Meeting, 5:00 pm
- 10 Fairbook Dedication Nomination & Theme Due
- 15 Applications due for Citizenship Washington Focus

February

- 1 People Partner Grants Due

March

- 31st-April 2 4-H Rec Lab, Miles City

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Fair Theme and Dedication Names Needed

It may seem early to be planning for the 2017 Fair, but it will be here before we know it. The Fair Board has asked for themes and names of people to whom the fairbook should be dedicated. There is a \$25 cash award to the club or person that comes up with the best theme. Both the theme and names of people should be submitted by **January 10th**, to the Extension Office.

4-H Council Meeting Set

Come to the next 4-H Council meeting scheduled for Monday, January 9th, at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. It's an exciting time to be a part of this great youth organization, come help make it the best!

People Partner Grants Due Feb. 1st

The People Partner grant program, sponsored by the Montana 4-H Foundation, offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in their communities. 4-H members determine a need, write the grant application and implement the project. Applications are available at the Extension Office and are due by February 1st. Projects funded in the past in Powder River County include sewing caps for cancer patients, building benches, and installing playground equipment. The grant is an excellent way to give back to the community.

Recruiting Key Leaders

Do you have certain expertise you'd like to share with youth? Are you interested in being the key leader for a project? We are again contacting people to be key leaders for

project areas. If you have a particular interest in an area, and would like to work with youth or organize educational workshops, please contact us. We will sign you up today!

Enrollment Forms Due

Just a reminder to leaders that Enrollment Forms are due as soon as you can get them in.



Achievement of Excellence Award

To be eligible for an Achievement of Excellence award, which is a \$20 cash award given at Achievement Day, 4-H members must have completed all records in each project in which they are enrolled AND HAVE PARTICIPATED IN COUNTY SPEECH AND DEMONSTRATION DAY, which means presenting a demonstration, speech, illustrated talk, creative work or reading cowboy poetry. They must also have participated in the following:

- Assisted with 4-H promotion.
- Led an educational workshop
- Assisted with a County Event
- Helped individual kids with their projects
- Participated in a community service activity
- Exhibited at the fair for each project in which you are enrolled.

SENIORS: (14 years as of October 1, 2016) - Must complete 5 out of 6.

INTERMEDIATE: (11 - 13 years)-Must complete 4 out of 6.

JUNIOR: (9 - 10 years)-Must complete 3 out of 6.

Keep Track of Community Service Hours

As you are keeping your 4-H records up-to-date each month, be sure to note the amount of time spent doing community service activities. This can be made in parentheses following the activity, i.e. "Picked up trash on the highway" (2). Why is this important? According to Senior members applying to colleges and for scholarships, the amount of time spent doing community service is vitally important. If you keep track of it in your records as you go, whether you are 9 years old or 15; that information will be at your finger tips. Cool!

2017 Citizenship Washington Focus

Go to Washington, D.C. for a week in June to experience our nation's capital, meet your legislators and meet 4-Hers from around the country. During this week-long trip, delegates have the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian and the National monuments as well as visit with Montana Senators and Representatives. The dates for the 2017 trip are June 10-17th. The estimated cost is \$1600. The Susan Dufner scholarship for \$500 is available to one delegate. Applications are due January 15th and are available at www.montana4h.org. You must be 15-19 years old to apply.

