



**Wheatland County Youth Fair**

Wheatland County Youth Fair dates are **August 4-6, 2016.** Hogs, Lambs and Goats weigh in is May 21, 2016. Contact Andy Begger at 406-220-4487 with questions.

**2016 Rec Lab: Reach for the Stars in 4-H**

The 2016 Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be held in Joliet, MT, April 8-10. This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. The theme is Reach for the Stars in 4-H. The world today consists of many people society considers "stars". All these men and women had to undergo some hardship and joys to get where they are today. 4-Hers will "reach for the stars" of leadership and social skills and embrace the "brighter" ideas to take and share with their clubs and gain new project ideas for fairs. Rec Lab is for youth 13 years of age or older as of Oct 1, 2015. Registration fee is \$90 which includes lodging, workshop fees, meals and event t-shirt. Please contact Mandie Reed for event details and registration information.

**What is State 4-H Congress and How can you attend?**

MT 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the MSU-Bozeman campus for four days (July 13-16) and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers. MT 4-Hers have been attending an event like congress for over 78 years. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the MT 4-H Program. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H Congress has to offer including : contests, workshops, entertainment, social events, and much more. If you were 13 by October 1, 2015 and would like to attend 4-H Congress—please contact Mandie Reed

What is Pre-Congress? Pre-Congress occurs directly before general Congress (July 11-13, 2016). 4-H Ambassadors, teen leaders and staff come together with 4-H center staff for these few days of work and fun. Attendees work on committees to insure the completion of all the details necessary to make the general Congress event successful. Also occurring during this weekend, is the selection process for the State 4-H Ambassador Officers.

4-H Camp will be held at Camp Rotary June 7-10, 2016. Registration will be available at the end of March and will be done on 4-H Online.

Remember to watch our Facebook page and website for up-to-date schedules and notices.



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## Events and Happenings

Lucky Leprechauns Meeting      Contact Carla Glennie  
 Hillcrest Elementary Library  
 Silver Sage Meeting      April 7, 2016 7:30am  
 1st Thursday of each month      Martin's house in town  
 208 1st St NE (by HHS football field)  
 Shooting Sports      Every Tuesday 6:30pm  
 Contact Leon Hammond      New Firehall  
 Cloverbuds      Please see Wheatland County 4H Cloverbuds Facebook Page

April 8-10, 2016      State Rec Lab  
 Joliet, MT  
 May 1, 2015      4-H State Awards Application Deadline  
 May 21, 2016      Wheatland County Youth Fair  
 Hog and Lamb Tagging, Weigh-In  
 Mar 31, 2016      Speech and Demonstration Day  
 June 7-10, 2016      4-H Camp  
 June 11-18, 2016      Citizenship Washington Focus  
 July 11-16, 2016      State 4-H Pre-Congress and  
 Congress (MSU Bozeman)  
 Aug 4-6, 2016      Wheatland County Youth Fair

*Contact Mandie or Kathie for registration deadlines or details on any of these events*

**2016 Youth Trapper Camp**  
 2016 Youth Trapper Camp is scheduled for June 10-12 at the Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The camp teaches ethical trapping methods, trapping rules and regulations, trap setting and fur handling. Camp is limited and some scholarships are available. Visit [www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc.htm#.VOY3Bp3n-vE](http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc.htm#.VOY3Bp3n-vE) for more information and applications.

Speech and Demonstration Day will be May 31, 2016 at the Wheatland County Courthouse. Registration is due May 20, 2016. Please see enclosed registration forms for more details.

We still have some 4-Hers new project books at the extension office. If you don't remember if you ordered new books give us a call. Otherwise please come pick them up as soon as you can.

### Sheep Starter Flock Available

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is again offering a free registered Targhee Starter Flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the USTSA National Show & Sale in Arlington, WI, July 14-16, 2016. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one ewe lamb, one yearling ewe, and one brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Application are due April 1, 2016. Detail and applications are available at [www.ustargheesheep.org](http://www.ustargheesheep.org). Any person ages 9-17, as of 1/1/16, can apply.

### Up Coming Livestock Sales

*Casper College Lamb and Pig Sale*  
 Sat 4/9/16  
[hornecker@caspercollege.edu](mailto:hornecker@caspercollege.edu) 307-268-2525  
[jburrkett@caspercollege.edu](mailto:jburrkett@caspercollege.edu) 307-268-2417

*Montana Show Pigs*  
 Sun 4/3/16  
[neighandwhinny@yahoo.com](mailto:neighandwhinny@yahoo.com) 406-490-4323

### Focus on 4-H Projects

**Scrapbooking-** Scrapbooking is an excellent way to capture and preserve all your favorite 4-H activities. This introductory project is designed for youth of all ages with limited experience in scrapbooking. Youth are required to complete the activities outlined in the project book. Scrapbooking—Independent study is also available.

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