



# Dawson County 4-H Newsletter

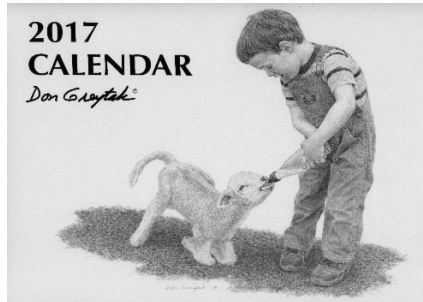
**December, 2016**

## **WELCOME**

We would like to say "Welcome" to our new members and their families and hope you enjoy your 4-H experience. You'll find that you get out of 4-H exactly what you put into it and we highly encourage parent involvement. Please keep these letters in the 4-H binder that you received when you dropped off your enrollment papers. That way you will have your 4-H information handy and will know what is going on.

### **GREYTAKE CALENDARS FOR SALE**

THE NEW MONTANA AG CALENDAR FEATURING DON GREYTAKE PRINTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE. THEY SELL FOR \$10 AND \$2.50 STAYS IN THE COUNTY. THEY MAKE VERY NICE CHRISTMAS GIFTS. COME PICK ONE UP AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE.



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## Winter Teen Camp

### Loon Lake 4-H Camp – Bigfork, MT

**Dates:** February 17-19, 2017  
(Friday-Sunday)

**Times:** Camp starts 6 PM on Friday, ends at 9 AM on Sunday

**Ages:** 4-H Age 13-19 (Age of youth on Oct. 1, 2016)

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, January 27, 2016 – complete forms and return to your Extension Office.

**Cost:** \$75 for youth and chaperones

Activities include fun workshops, private pool and gym event at the athletic club, dance, and more.

Questions? Contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at 375-6611. Detailed information about the event will be sent to campers two weeks after registration closes.



## Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) & Leadership Washington Focus (LWF)

4-H leadership and civic programs take place at the [National 4-H Conference Center](#), just one mile from the Washington, D.C. border. With over 50 years of life-changing summers and with three weeks already sold out, this summer promises to be another great year! If you have not registered your delegation yet, don't delay.

### CWF is for 4-H'ers ages 14-19:

- **Week 1:** June 4-10
- **Week 2:** June 11-17
- **Week 3:** June 18-24 *SOLD OUT*
- **Week 4:** June 25-July 1 - *SOLD OUT*
- **Week 5:** July 2-8
- **Week 6:** July 5-15

### LWF is a leadership program for youth entering grades 7-9:

- **July 17-21**

### For More Information or To Register:

Please visit [www.4HCWF.org](http://www.4HCWF.org) for additional program details and for registration instructions. If you have any questions, call (301) 961-2893 or via email at [cpriesing@4hcenter.org](mailto:cpriesing@4hcenter.org). We look forward to hosting your delegation!

4-H is a **community**  
of **young**  
**people**  
across **America**  
who are learning  
**leadership,**  
**citizenship** and  
**life skills.**

## 4-H LICENSE PLATES

The Montana 4-H License Plate is a great way to show your pride in 4-H and support the program on a state and county level. Cost of the plate is \$35.00. Of this amount, \$15.00 goes to the county treasurer, \$10.00 to the Montana 4-H Foundation and \$10.00 to the Dawson County 4-H Council.



## CLUB MINUTES

\*\*\* Reminder that club secretaries need to email or drop off your monthly club meeting minutes to the Extension Office. Email [dawson@montana.edu](mailto:dawson@montana.edu) \*\*\*\*\*



## BEEF RATE OF GAIN

Weigh-in for 4-H members enrolled in market beef will be held on **December 28** at the stock yards, here in Glendive. The Beef Rate of Gain contest will conclude at the Dawson County Fair at the Livestock Weigh-in. Average daily gain from steers weighed in on December 28th will be calculated and the steer's owner with the highest average daily gain will be awarded. According to the Dawson County Livestock policy if you are not able to bring your animal on this day, you will not be eligible for the rate of gain, however you may still exhibit at the fair.

4-H members must have their market beef and breeding beef in their care by January 1. The members must have market sheep, breeding sheep, market swine, breeding swine, and goats in their possession by June 1. Rabbits, poultry and orphan animal projects must be in the member's possession by June 1 also. May 1 is the deadline for horsemanship projects and January 1 for the colt to maturity project.

It is also mandatory that you complete an option as part of your market animal project (i.e. series book, county options) and display that option at the fair. If you fail to do this, you relinquish your right to sell that market animal (steer, hog, lamb) at the livestock sale.





**March 31<sup>st</sup> - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sacred Heart School. Miles City, Montana**

Montana 4-H Recreation Lab provides an opportunity for youth ages 13-19 to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting.



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## Scholarships & Grants

### PEOPLE PARTNER GRANTS FOR CLUBS

What are People Partner Grants? These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups, clubs, and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

Who Can Apply? 4-H Groups (clubs) and individual members may apply. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting, and evaluating the project.
- Project will make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
- There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidenced by partners listed in the grant application, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.
- The project has lasting benefits.

How do you apply? Submit a completed People Partners Grant application available to download from: <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:31> Postmarked by February 1st.

Make sure you check out our revised 4-H/Extension Web page. It contains a calendar so you can keep up to date on upcoming events.

You can find it at: <http://msuextension.org/dawson>



We would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We look forward to a great upcoming year of 4-H with all of you.

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4-H Assistant

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## LQA

Reminder that in order to show your animal at the fair you need to be LQA certified. Any 4-H-er who is new, going from a Cloverbud to Junior member, or changing from a Junior to Senior member needs to complete this. Please stop in to the extension office and check out the power point presentation and get your testing materials. The deadline to complete this is March 1.



<b>January 2017</b>		
2	New Year's Day Holiday Observed (Office Closed)	
1	<b>Deadline to own and have in your care</b> Market beef, breeding beef and dairy project animals.	
1	Susan Dufner Mem CWF Scholarship due in state office	
15	Registration for CWF and LFW due in State Office.	
15	National 4-H Conf. Registration due to State	
16	Martin Luther King Holiday (Office Closed)	
15-17	Citizenship Seminar in Helena	
16-17	Legislative Breakfast	
22	Dawson County speech and demo day	
<b>February 2017</b>		
1	People Partner Grant Applications Due	
TBD	Fruit Sale Begins	
10-11	AG Show - GATE	
16	Livestock Committee Meeting @ 7:00	
18	Shooting Star Invitational - Ekalaka	
20	Presidents Day Holiday (Office closed)	
TBD	Fruit Sale Ends	

### Other Meetings:

**Livestock Judging Meetings (Youth)**

**Contact: Jessica Stroh**

**406-941-0670**

**Livestock Committee Meeting**

**Contact: Carlena Quinn**

**406-687-3282**



## **REMINDERS**

I STILL HAVE A FEW RECORD BOOKS LEFT IN MY OFFICE FROM ACHIEVEMENT DAY. PLEASE STOP IN AND PICK THEM UP.

I ALSO HAVE NEW PROJECT BOOKS HERE FOR KIDS IN DAISIES AND DIGGERS, BUFFALO RAPIDES AND CLEVER CLOVERS. IF ONE OF THE LEADERS COULD STOP IN AND PICK THEM UP I WOULD APPRECIATE IT.

MAKE SURE YOU LET ME KNOW ASAP IF YOU NEED PROJECT BOOKS. I WILL BE PUTTING IN ANOTHER ORDER ON JANUARY 1.

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