Dawson County 4-H News

January/February, 2017

FRUIT SALE

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN! *The Dawson County 4-H Annual Fruit Sale Fundraiser will begin on Friday, February 3rd! FREE 4-H curriculum, FREE trips, FREE camps and* ***CASH PRIZES*** *for 4-H youth and their families are just a few of the incentives for participating in this annual event!*

In addition to fruit, we are selling the ever popular beef sticks, smoky snack sticks and the string cheese.

Youth that sell, will earn "fruit" credits. For every one box sold, 1 "fruit" credit is earned. Three (3) fruit credits, you get a free day camp. Ten (10) fruit credits earn you a free horse clinic. Twenty (20) fruit credits, you've just earned a trip to 4-H Congress free (14 & Older). Twenty-five (25) fruit credits and guess what?! You get to attend 4-H Camp Ekalaka for free this summer, PLUS $10.00 cash! Thirty-five (35) fruit credits and you can go to the Jr. High Oreo trip for free!

TOP EIGHT YOUTH SELLERS (OVER 20 FRUIT CREDITS) WILL BE AWARDED THE FOLLOWING CASH PRIZES:

1st - $40.00	**2nd - $35.00**	**3rd - $30.00**	**4th - $25.00**
5th - $20.00	**6th - $15.00**	**7th - $10.00**	**8th - $ 5.00**

Family CASH Prize:

The 4-H family with the top sales will win **$40.00!** A 4-H family is defined as any family with two or more 4-H youth selling. The youth awarded the "Top Youth Cash Award" is not eligible for this incentive. This award is designed to go to a separate family.

Club CASH Prize:

The 4-H CLUB averaging the most sales per member will be awarded $50.00.

ADDITIONAL CASH PRIZE?!?

As an added bonus, our fruit vendor has offered an additional incentive! For every 4,000 pounds of fruit sold, Dawson County 4-H is given $25.00 cold, hard cash.

REMINDER: I HAVE PROJECT BOOKS FOR SEVERAL PEOPLE IN MY OFFICE. IF YOU HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE BOOKS YOU REQUESTED PLEASE STOP UP TO THE OFFICE TO PICK THEM UP.

JANUARY

30th Council Meeting

FEBRUARY

1st	*People Partner Grant*
3rd	*Fruit Sale Begins*
10th - 11th	*AG Show – GATE*
16th	*Livestock Comm Mtg*
20th (President's Day)	*Office Closed*
24th	*Fruit Sale Ends*

MARCH

24th	*Fruit Delivery*
31st-April 2	*Rec Lab – Miles City*

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What do I have to do, you say?!

Ok, to participate in this fundraiser, and compete for all these exciting prizes, you need to:

1) On Friday, February 3rd (after school @ 3:00PM) come to the MSU-Dawson County Extension Office. All of your fundraising supplies will be waiting for you there.
2) AFTER you pick-up your material, begin selling! Make sure you collect the money as you sell the products.
3) On February 24th by 5pm, turn in all your order forms with the money to the MSU-Dawson County Extension Office.
4) On March 24th the products will be delivered from the vendor and available for families to pick-up and deliver to their customers. Remember, county policy says, NO DELIVERY CHARGE. Make sure the orders are delivered to your customers in a timely manner.

It's that simple!

Remember, all your orders and money, need to be turned into the office by February 24th at 5pm. It would be a sad, sad thing if your fruit orders didn't get placed with the vendor because you miss the deadline.

Also, make sure you are writing everything neatly and keeping good records as you take your orders. We 4-H'ers are good record keepers, so let's put those skills to work for us in our fundraising campaign.

If you need extra order forms, they will be available here at the Extension Office. If you can't make it in, please call and we will mail them out to you.

As always, any early selling will disqualify you for the top prizes. The most important part of this event is to have fun, learn new skills and be successful.

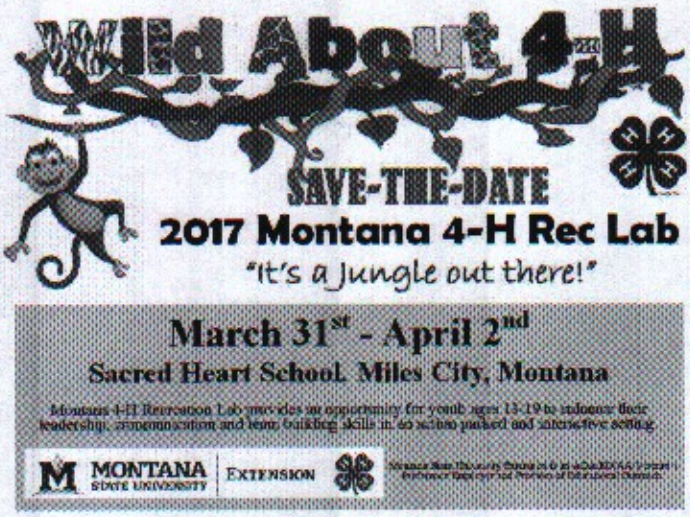
2017 Legislative Breakfast

Pictured in photo LtoR are: Tana Canen, Kirsten Johnson, Kinsey Zeimer, Cassidy Rau, Senator Steve Hinebauch, Corinne Canen, Alexis Canen, Marnie Rau

Local 4-H members and leaders host "4-H Grows True Leaders" event with state legislators

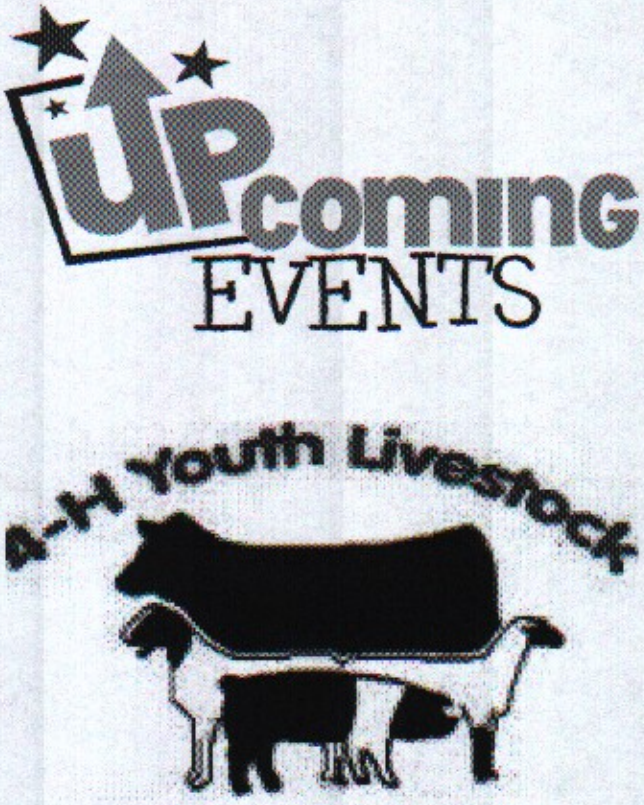
Members and leaders of the Dawson & Wibaux 4-H programs helped to host the Biennial 4-H Legislative Breakfast in Helena on January 17. Five members & 2 leaders participated from our area. They were members Kirsten Johnson of Wibaux, Kinsey Zeimer, Cassidy Rau, Corinne & Alexis Canen of Glendive and leaders Marnie Rau & Tana Canen. The breakfast is sponsored by Montanans for 4-H, an all-volunteer group of concerned citizens. This year, a majority of legislators attended the breakfast to learn about the 4-H program in Montana. Over 300 people attended the breakfast, including approximately 80 legislators. Local Senator from District 18, Steve Hinebauch, was the special guest of the local delegation.

With a focus on "4-H Grows True Leaders," this year's event presented 4-H alumni and current 4-H members with leadership skills that are positively impacted by 4-H and Montana State University Extension. Members and adult leaders and volunteers highlighted the personal importance of the program, and the 4-H benefits to the state. The educational programs of 4-H are open to all youth—both rural and urban.



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.



R&J Ag in Sidney is going to be putting on a 4H workshop on how to feed and care for your 4H animals. It will go over animal nutrition, how to read a feedbag label, and they will have different speakers for each animal. It is going to be Tuesday, February 7th at 6 PM MST at R&J Ag Supply in Sidney (510 10th Ave SE) across from the sales barn.

ROUGHRIDER JUDGING

Once again, the Dickinson State University Post-Secondary Agricultural Student Organization is hosting the 36th annual Roughrider Judging to be held on **Saturday, February 4, 2017.** (All times are in MST!) The Roughrider Judging Contest will include a **Crops** and a **Livestock Judging contest** for both FFA and 4-H participants. A **Sales and Service contest** will be limited to only FFA participants. For more information regarding FFA and 4-H registration forms and scheduling, please refer to the DSU Dept. of Agriculture and Technical Studies webpage at http://www.dickinsonstate.edu/dats. Completed forms can be emailed to RRJudging@hotmail.com or mailed to the DSU Dept. of Ag, 291 Campus Drive, Dickinson, ND 58601. While registration is available the day of the event, we prefer to receive completed forms by January 30, 2017.

If you have any questions, please call 701-483-2185, or email RRJudging@hotmail.com.

People Partner grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. The deadline for turning in your application is February 1st. For more details and to apply, please visit our website at the link below and click on People Partner Grants. We look forward to receiving your application!

http://montana4h.org/#program:31

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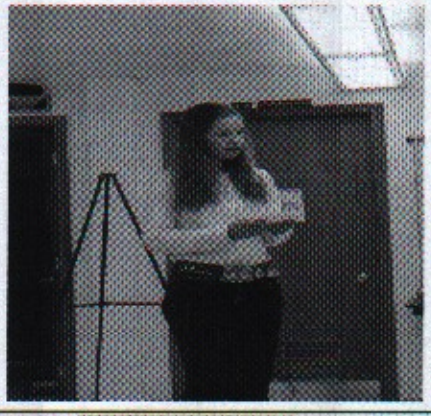
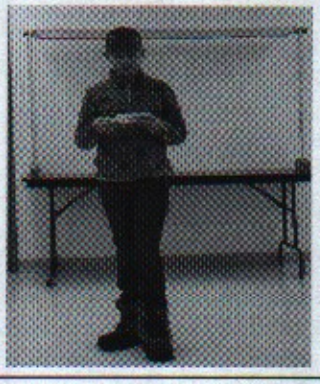
On Sunday, January 22 we had 13 kids participate in the County Speech and Demo Day. Everyone did a great job. A special thanks to our judges Christine Whitlatch and BreAnne Lytle for donating their time to help judge this event.

Emily Unruh – "Sew on a Button" – Jr.
Kaitlyn Unruh – "Pink Piggy Bagels" – Cloverbud
Cassidy Rau – "How to Make Plastic from Milk & Vinegar" – Jr. **1st Place Junior**
Nathan Hoffman – "Paddlefishing Rigs" – Jr.
Corinne Canen – "Buy Yer Breyer" – Jr. **2nd Place Junior**
Reaglan Kelly – "What is a Compound Bow" – Jr. **3rd Place Junior**
Austin Hove – "Amish Friendship Bread" – Jr.

Brady Hoffman – "Sea Biscuit" – Jr. **1st Place Junior**
Wesley Doss – "Dogs of War" – Cloverbud **Judges Choice Award**
Stephanie Hove – "Harlequin Rabbits" – Jr. **2nd Place Junior**
Jordan Hove – "AQHA" – Jr. **3rd Place Junior**
Kelty Raciborski – "Living as a President" – Sr. **1st Place Senior**
Alexis Canen – "Testing, Testing" – Sr. **2nd Place Senior**





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