Hello all-

**Shawna’s Scoop**

In this newsletter you will find the information you need to get started on your projects including ownership deadlines, animal ID information, goal writing, and how to select animals.

On of the first things to do when staring a project is to write your goals in your portfolio. For some help writing your goals look at page 7 of this newsletter. As always if you have any questions please give me a call at 328-2642.

If you would like to add or drop a project please call the Extension Office and let us know so we can keep your enrollment form up-to-date. The last date to add/drop a project you wish to exhibit at County Fair is June 15th.

We are in need of Horse Safety Certifiers. We only have a few certifiers for the entire county and we need more! If you are interested in becoming a Horse Safety Certifier please call me at 328-6242. This is a great way to become involved with the 4-H Horse Program without a large time commitment.

Sincerely,

Shawna Potter MA  
UW Educator  
Carbon County 4-H/Youth

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4-H Happenings

Do you like the awards you are receiving for your 4-H Projects?

Writing Thank You notes is a simple and inexpensive way to show the donors you appreciate getting the awards they provide. The note does not have to be long or fancy. A few sentences telling them thank you and what you plan to do with the award make a great note. You can even include a picture of yourself with your award or project.

Junior Leader Meeting

Hey Junior Leaders, if you were unable to attend the Basketball game and Meeting in February you have another chance to show your interest! The next Junior Leader Meeting will be held March 20th at 6:00 PM in Rm 368 in the Carbon Building. We will go over what was discussed at the February Meeting, have snacks, play games, and learn new ways to be involved in the community.

Dates and Deadlines

May 1—All Dog and Horse ID’s are due
June 1—All Sheep, Swine, and Goats must be owned by this day
June 15—Project Add/Drop deadline to show project at Fair
June 15—All Small Animals (Poultry, Rabbits, Pocket Pets, etc) Must be owned by this day. Poultry and Rabbit ID’s are Due
July 1—All Horse Safety Certifications Due to the Extension Office by 5 pm
July 16—All 4-H and FFA Fair entries Due
July 25—Last Day to turn in 4-H FFA Fair with $20 late fee
July 16 — All Ed Ops. and Community Service Due
Oct. 1 — Last date to turn in Portfolios

DOG PROJECT

- Youth must be enrolled in 4-H by May 1.
- I.D.’s must be filed every year by May 1 for each dog you intend to exhibit in the 4-H show at the fair. This includes:
  A. Completed dog I.D. sheet
  B. Vaccination record from Veterinarian
  C. Agility dogs must be officially measured for size before fair. Your 4-H Leader will do this.
Mark your calendars for the 2012 Wyoming 4-H Showcase Showdown to be held in Laramie on June 26-27! Youth will have the opportunity to participate in contests, workshops, tours, trips, and many other fun activities during the event. Contests to be held at this year’s Showcase Showdown include Prepared & Impromptu Presentations, Dog Skill-A-Thon, Horse Judging, Hippology, Produce Judging, Rocket Launch, Livestock Skill-A-Thon, Robotics, Food Cook-Off, Table Setting, Cake Decorating and Youth Business Ventures. There will also be interviews for those who apply to be on the Wyoming State 4-H Leadership Team as well as those youth interested in being delegates to represent Wyoming at the National 4-H Congress. Information regarding the schedule of events will be sent as it becomes available.

Activity proposals being accepted now!
Would you like to be part of this fantastic event? Consider putting together a workshop or tour at the 4-H Showcase Showdown. Have an idea you aren’t sure how to pull off? Give us a call and we would be happy to help you! Contact Ann Roberson at 307.766.5170 or mrober38@uwyo.edu.

Livestock

**Weigh/Tag Days**

**Sheep/Swine/Goat**
- May 13-LSRV 7:30 am, Baggs Event Center
- May 17-Hanna/Elk Mountain 4pm, HEM School
- May 18-Rawlins 4pm, CC Fairgrounds
- May 23-Encampment 4pm, Encampment Arena
- May 24-Saratoga 5pm, Saratoga High School

**Swine**
- **June 1st** is the ownership deadline for all swine projects.
- Youth must be enrolled in the Market Swine project **before** tagging.
- Market Swine must be tagged and weighed on one of the Carbon County Weigh/Tag days.
- Point of origin proof must be shown before animal is allowed on the scale or tagged.
- In order to sell, market pigs must weigh a minimum of 220 pounds on fair weigh day.
- The maximum pay weight for the sale is 265 pounds.

**Sheep & Goat**
- **June 1st** is the ownership deadline for all sheep and goat projects.
- Youth must be enrolled in the Market Sheep and/or Market Goat project **before** tagging.
- Market animals must be tagged and weighed on one of the Carbon County Weigh/Tag days in May.
- Scrapies tags must be **IN** the animals ear (not attached to other tags) before the animal is allowed on the scale or tagged.
- In order to sell, black and speckle face lambs must weigh 100 pounds and white face lambs must weigh 90 pounds. Market goats must weigh a minimum of 60 pounds on the fair weigh day.
- The maximum pay weight for sheep is 140 pounds.
- Goats are sold by the head.
What to look for when selecting your Market Lamb

Conformation

A quality lamb will catch your eye in the pen. You should select a lamb with good length of body and leg. These traits indicate the lamb’s ability to grow. Good muscle development over the hind-quarters and rear legs is also essential. You shouldn’t select lambs that are short, fat, narrow, or unattractive.

The ideal market lamb combines good weight on a pleasing frame, straightness, natural muscling and trimness.

Here are eight items to look for when selecting a lamb:

1) Long straight back
2) Thickness through center of the leg
3) Length of leg muscle
4) Structurally correct rear legs
5) Squareness of rump
6) Depth of fat and trim in crotch area
7) High dock setting
8) Width between the hind legs

Image Source: Ohio State University Sheep Resource

Adapted from Colorado 4-H Raising and Showing Market Lambs Manual
What to look for when selecting your Market Swine

When selecting a market pig be sure to keep the breeder in mind. You want to buy from a reliable source. Choose a healthy pig that has the potential to grow efficiently. Remember consumers like to eat lean pork without the waste of fat and bone. You will want to look for pigs that are big for their age with good leg structure. They should also have muscular backs and large hams even when they are young. Starting with a high quality animal will increase the potential for a high quality carcass.

The ideal pig combines muscle, leaness, growth, volume and structural soundness. There are several essential parts to good conformation:
► Deep bodied
► Long sided
► Large framed
► Long smooth muscling
► Stands wide
► Natural thickness over the top
► Thick and plump ham
► Level top
► High tail setting

Muscling
Muscling on a pig is best evaluated in the ham and loin area. In this area the muscle structure should be long and smooth. This allows the pig to have an adequate amount of muscling while still being able to move freely. The hind legs should have some distance between them to show the muscling in the ham.

Information provided by Colorado 4-H Raising and Showing Market Swine Manual
Horse ID’s

Each youth enrolled in the horse project will need to fill out a horse ID sheet and submit pictures for EACH horse they intend to ride. This form will be in addition to the Horse Safety Certification. We will mail this form to each youth enrolled in the Horse project in April. The Horse ID sheet must be postmarked by May 1, 2012. Once you have filled out the ID sheet, you will need to complete the Horse Safety Certification by July 1, 2012 on EACH horse you intend to ride. (If you have already completed the Safety Certification and you plan to ride the same horse again, all we need is written notification from you that you intend to ride the same horse again along with a new ID sheet.) If you do not submit this form on time, you will not be allowed to show your horse in the 4-H show at the 2012 Carbon County Fair. Remember there are 2 deadlines for the horse project, May 1, for Horse ID sheets (and pictures with a clear view of the horse on all 4 sides), and July 1, for Safety Certification.

Rabbit and Poultry ID’s

All youth wishing to show their rabbit or poultry projects at the Carbon County Fair must turn in an ID form. These forms will be mailed out to each youth enrolled in the rabbit and poultry projects in April and must be returned to the Extension Office postmarked by June 15th. All rabbits and poultry you plan to show must be listed on this form. If you do not submit this form on time you will not be allowed to show your rabbit and/or poultry animals in the 4-H show at the 2012 Carbon County Fair.
Attention Graduating Seniors!
The following is a list of Scholarships available. If you would like an application or more information about any of these scholarships please call the Extension Office at 382-2642. You can also get then from your School Counselors and Community Club Leaders.

The Carbon County 4-H Foundation offers several different scholarships for which you may be eligible. Carbon County 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications are due **April 1, 2012**.

- Carbon County 4-H Foundation Scholarship—**Due April 1st**
- Carbon County 4-H Foundation—Kristi Barkhurst Memorial Scholarship—**Due April 1st**
- Carbon County 4-H Foundation—Stallion Service Auction Scholarship—**Due April 1st**

Here are a few more scholarships you might be interested in:

- NILE (Northern International Livestock Exposition) Scholarship (http://thenile.org)—**Due April 1st**
- Carbon County Farm Bureau Scholarship—**Due April 15th**
- Carbon County Stock Growers Association Scholarship—**Due April 15th**
- Wyoming Association of Fairs Scholarship (http://www.wyomingfairs.org)—**Due May 1st**
- Steer and Heifer Show Scholarship—**Due June 15th**

**Do you love to be outside?**
**Do you like to learn about natural resources?**
**Would you like the opportunity to travel to competitions?**

Maybe Forestry or Range Judging is something that you would like to check out!

Interested members could learn more about forestry or range judging, practice and compete at local, state or national competitions. Practicing will be fun and there will be opportunities to go outside and use your skills.

The 2012 National 4-H Forestry Invitational is in West Virginia in July. Wyoming state winners may have a partially funded trip to compete at this contest. There are also regional and national range judging contests.

If you are interested in more information, contact Mae Smith, Shawna Potter at 328-2642, or your community club leader so they can let Mae know.
Writing Goals

Why do we need goals?
Goals help you decide what you want to get out of 4-H.

Goals have three parts-
✔ Action—How will you do it?
✔ Result—What are you going to do?
✔ Timetable—When are you going to do it?

Examples:

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<td>✓ the 4-H Pledge</td>
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<td>✓ I will participate</td>
<td>✓ in three educational opportunities</td>
<td>✓ by County Fair.</td>
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A Good Goal will pass the “Control Test”
That means you have control over the all parts of what happens. If you answered yes, you have a good goal!

Here are some hints for setting and working toward goals:
• Set goals early
• Goals should be reasonable
• Goals should show learning, not awards
• Look at your goals at the end of the year
• It’s okay if you did not meet a goal; try again next year
• Good goal statements begin with “I”
Why Strive to be Trustworthy?

In the old movies, it is always easy to tell who were the "good guys" and the "bad guys." They were easily identified by what they stood for and how they lived their lives. Today, the difference between right and wrong has been grayed by attitudes that say "look out for number 1."

Trustworthiness in 4-H

4-H Club Activity

“Work at Staying Honest”

Objective: Youth will learn that people have to continually work to be Trustworthy

Procedure: 1. To make the "slime," measure 3 spoons of water into the bowl and add 4 or 5 spoons of cornstarch. Mix into a thick, slimy paste. Spoon some slime into your or a child's hand. Quickly roll it into a ball. It should feel solid, but will ooze again when released. 2. Ask: • What happens to the slime when we quit working with it? [It slips through our fingers] • When someone tells you something about another person, do you want to tell others? • What is gossiping? [passing on stories about others] • What can we do to remind ourselves and each other not to pass on untrue or hurtful stories? Since it's easy to want to pass on the stories, we have to remind ourselves not to - like continually working with the slime. We can't forget that we should not pass on stories, especially when they are bad or we don't know if they are true.
Lesson in Respect

Respect is showing others that they are valued for their character and who they are, not what they look like or what they have. Being a respectful 4-H member means that we are courteous, polite and show consideration to others. Respectful people tolerate other people's beliefs and accept individual differences without prejudice or discrimination. It also means that we treat others the way we want them to treat us.

4-H Connections

County fairs and achievement days are lots of fun but they can also be stressful for adults, 4-H’er’s and family members. Encourage 4-H members to show respect by:

- Waiting their turn in line
- Thanking judges
- Helping younger members who are scared or lost
- Appreciating the work of other 4-H members

Respect Activity

You Tear Me Up

**Supplies:** Blank piece of paper for each participant. Give each participant a blank piece of paper. Ask them to work on their own. Explain that no one is allowed to ask or answer questions. When everyone is ready, give the following directions, in order, repeating each direction twice, giving the next direction only when each participant has completed the stated direction (don’t move on until everyone is ready).

1. Fold the paper in half and tear off the bottom left hand corner.
2. Fold the paper in half again and tear off the upper right hand corner.
3. Fold the paper in half again and tear off the upper left hand corner.

When every participant is finished, open the papers and compare the results. Snowflakes!

**Talking points:** Every snowflake will look different and we must respect how everyone is different and unique in their own way.

Like this activity? Find more like this in the “Good Ideas Book” at your local Extension Office
Attention Leaders

Leader's Council Meeting

Reminder to all 4-H Leaders, Parents, Junior Leaders, and Members, the Carbon County 4-H Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Check your calendars for times and locations. Anyone can attend!

March 23
Saratoga, Platte Valley Community Center
6 PM

Don’t forget!
The Fair Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month (the same day as the Leaders Council Meetings) at 1:30 PM at the Fairgrounds! All members and leaders are invited to attend! If you would like to discuss something specific with the Fair Board be sure to call Maxine at 328-7811 to be added to the agenda.

Carbon County 4-H Clubs

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<td>Lou Larsen (307)349-4028</td>
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<td>Jane Hill (307)327-5310</td>
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<td>Sinclair Rimrock Riders 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm Sinclair Library</td>
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<td>Shannon Brucato and Dori Fritz (307)321-3895 or 324-3670</td>
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March 13—Leaders Council Meeting
   6 PM
   Rawlins, Carbon Building Rm 368

March 20—Junior Leader Meetings
   6 PM
   Rawlins, Carbon Building Rm 368

April 1—Carbon County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline

May 1—Dog and Horse ID’s Due

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