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Vileka Fisher Tells Us About MSU Horse Camp

The MSU Bozeman Youth Horsemanship School was held this year From June 23 to June 27, 2008. Vileka Fisher, a Grandview Supreme 4H club member, was one of the students. Here is Vileka's account of the week:

We stayed in dorm rooms with chaperones, The girls had one floor, boys had another. There was one instructor for every 3 students. We were grouped according to age and ability. Our days began at 6 am. We were responsible for feeding our horses and mucking the stalls before breakfast. At 8 am everyone was expected to arrive at Miller Livestock Pavilion to participate in a riding session or workshop. The riding sessions, classes and workshops were alternated throughout the day, ending a 5 pm.

Two evenings during the week the we returned to the pavilion for fun activities such as trail classes, obstacles and rodeo events. The evenings ended with lights out at 10 pm, after the students took care of the horses. My favorite part of the camp was rodeo night. I got to run barrels and do polebending.

On Friday we did a presentation for their parents on the last day of the camp. I loved being able to do reining spins and flying lead-changes.

I gained a lot of confidence and horsemanship skills, I can't wait to go back next year.

In next months newsletter, we will include more information from Julie Hager, camp director, and details about next year's clinic. Thank you Vileka for reporting on this event for us!



Hilltop Riders Raises Funds for St. Jude's

The Hilltop Rider's 4-H Club participated in a fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital on Saturday, June 28th at Herron Park. They organized a trail ride at the park that was open to 4-H members and the public. 41 riders participated in the event. The total amount raised was a whopping \$2478.00. Three Hilltop Rider's members, Sophie Joern, Hannah Neiman, and Matthew Glimm were the three top fundraiser participants. Sophie raised \$420, Hannah raised \$250 and Matthew raised \$230. Way to go Hilltop Riders for doing such a great job! What a success!

Lucky T's Event and Surprise for 4-H Members

Lucky T's Horse Tack and Trappings will be holding "Renee Caverly Day" on Friday, August 1st for all 4H Members. Renee, 2008 NWMT Fair Horse Barn Superintendent, will be on hand all day to answer Fair questions about the horse project, and both she and others will be there to assist 4H members with tack questions. There are cards in the Extension Office that 4H members can pick up and take to Lucky T's for a surprise gift. Numerous items will be on sale for members to peruse and there will also be drawings for other great prizes. For more information call Renee at Lucky T's at 758-8225. Lucky T's is located at 2267 Hwy 93 South in Kalispell.

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JCPenny Partners with Flathead 4H: JCPenny has created a local partnership with Flathead County 4-H for afterschool programming. Please watch for local advertisements on how to help this program grow. We will also provide information in upcoming newsletters.

Records and Registration Forms are Due Friday, August 1st

Livestock Registration: All Livestock Registrations are due in the Fair Office no later than August 1st, 2008 at 4:00 pm. These forms must be submitted on time; there are no exceptions to this rule. Livestock includes all animals that are shown at the Fair including, horses, dogs, llamas/alpacas, market livestock, and small livestock such as goats, poultry, rabbits, pocket pals, etc.



4-H Market Livestock Records and Drug Withdrawal Forms: Your market livestock records are due in the Extension Office by August 1st, 2008 no later than 5:00 pm. We suggest not waiting till

the last day. Many times records are turned in incomplete and must be finished before they are checked off. You may begin to bring in your up to date records to be checked off on Tuesday, July 15th, 2008. This gives you over a three week window in which to complete your requirements.

You will also need to complete a Drug Withdrawal Form and a Youth Livestock Program Commitment to Excellence Form. These forms are available in the Extension Office, on our website and were in the July newsletter. **Both forms need to be signed by the member and either your parent or 4-H leader.** Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

Buyer's Breakfast Reminder



This year's Buyer's Breakfast will be supervised by District 5. District 5 clubs are **Grandview Supreme, Lasalle Boosters, Open Horizons, and the Hilltop Riders**. District 1 will be assisting this year with the Breakfast. District 1 clubs are **B&F Livestock, Trial Blazers, and Rowdy Ropers**. Julie Brubaker will be heading up the breakfast. If you are the leader from any one of the above listed clubs, please call Julie at 314-0175 to find out what your club's job will entail for this breakfast. This is a huge undertaking and we appreciate Julie and all of her helpers for their hard work in making all of our buyers feel appreciated by the 4-H program.

Help Needed at NWMT Fair

4-H and FFA will be looking for help this year when hauling hogs, beef and sheep to the processor after the Large Livestock Sale, which is held on Saturday, August 16th, 2008. The livestock are usually moved that night or on Sunday. We need individuals with trailers that can help us with the market livestock animals due to our large numbers this year. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3950, if you are interested in helping.



Silent Auction at the Market Sale Supports 4-H Interstate Exchange

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange program will once again be hosting a silent auction at the 2008 NWMT Fair Market Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 16th. The Auction will begin at 8:00am and close at 1:30pm and will take place in the Trade Center Foyer. Exchange members are asked to bring their items to the foyer of the Trade Center no later than 6:30a.m., sale day, so they can be displayed properly. If you, or someone you know would like to donate an item to the auction, please feel free to either contact Wendy Morris at 862-0801 or the Extension Office at 758-5553. All proceeds from the auction support the travel costs for our delegation to travel to Kansas the summer of 2009.

How Much Would You Pay To See Someone Kiss a PIG?

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange Program is hosting a new fundraiser at the NWMT Fair. The group will set up a jar for each "volunteer" who has agreed to participate in the event. The public can purchase marbles that they can then place in any volunteers jar that they choose. The volunteer with the most marbles in their jar by auction day of the Fair will have the honor of kissing "Dot" the pig. Marbles will be for sale throughout Fair week. We are still working on our pig kissing volunteers, so we will have a list of participants available at Fair and in the Extension Office.



Volunteer's Needed at General Projects Building



We will be needing volunteers for the General Projects Building at the Fair again this year. Linda Stewart and Marcia Burns have graciously agreed to once again be Superintendents and organize this huge part of the Fair.

We need parents and volunteers to get the building ready and take in entries on Monday, August 11th, of Fair week. We get numerous entries so we can use lots of help. Please call Linda Stewart at 837-5091 or Marcia Burns at 755-1262.

To All Our Generous Fair Sponsors

We would like to thank all of those who have very generously contributed to the 4-H and FFA Fair award program for the 2008 Northwest Montana Fair. We would like to remind our donors that Fair awards should be delivered to the Extension Office as soon as possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553

Market Livestock Weigh-in Fact Sheet

Monday, August 11th, 2008

The following is a simple breakdown of what to expect on weigh-in day at the Northwest Montana Fair. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either your FFA advisor or your 4-H Agent. It is our goal to make this process as smooth and as easy to understand as possible.

Animal	Weights	Your animal <u>must</u> be in it's pen or stall no later than:	Weigh-in Time
Lamb	110 lbs - 160 lbs	8:00 am	8:00 am- 9:00 am
Hog	220 lbs – 285 lbs	12:00 pm (noon)	9:30 am- 2:30 pm
Beef	1050 lbs- 1450 lbs	3:00 pm	4:00 pm- 5:00 pm

The animal that will be expected at the scales will be the animal you registered with the Fair Office as of August 1st. Ear Tag numbers will be checked at the scale.

You (or a representative) must pay your livestock fee of \$20.00 at the Chamber business table located inside the trade center before your animal can be weighed. They will give you a card that must accompany the animal to the scale. The animal will not be weighed until this transaction has taken place. Please verify the information on the card is correct.

At the scale, your card will be collected, and you will select a random slip of paper from a container. The number on this slip will determine your order in the Market Livestock Sale on Saturday, August 16th.

If your animal is underweight or overweight, you will be refunded \$15.00 of your livestock fee. Please take the card you were given when you paid your livestock fee back to the Chamber business table for your refund. Refunds will only be available on weigh-in day.

When it is your animal's time to weigh-in a person must accompany the animal through the weigh-in process. This person does not have to be the project member. The project member may appoint another responsible person to accompany the animal if they are unable to attend. We will not handle your animal for you.

The scale is zeroed out before each animal steps onto the scale. If your animal weighs-in either underweight or overweight, your animal will be immediately removed from the scale, the scale zeroed out again, and your animal will be brought back on the scale. This second weight will be the official weight of the animal.

Once weighed and ultra-sounded, hogs and sheep will be released back to the project member, or representative of that member, to take back to the animal's pen or stall. Beef will be released back to the project member or representative once the animal is weighed and a hip height is recorded.

Those FFA, 4-H, or Chamber members involved in recording weights and ultra-sounding will be happy to give you the weight of your animal and ultrasound scores, after the process is over. Please do not disturb these individuals during the weigh-in process. It is our goal to clearly announce the weight of each animal as it is processed.



Market Beef Members: You need to make sure you have your blue brand inspection livestock paper before Fair. If you don't have it already, please contact the following people to make arrangements: Kalispell Area– Mark at 756-7710 or Fred at 756-8891, Bigfork Area– Joleen at 756-1202, and Columbia Falls/Whitefish Area– Lorell Reese at 250-1490. If you purchased your steer from a family member you need to have a bill of sale with you at the Fairgrounds.

Market Sale Runners and Servers

Runners: This privilege and service is expected of everyone who is participating in the Market Sale. From the start of the sale at 8:30 am until the end of the sale at approximately 12:30 pm, we need plenty of help to take clipboards with paperwork to the buyers in the stands. Sale runners wear 4-H vests (yes you look official) that we provide. You are posted at various corners of the stands and when you are the closest to the buyer who just purchased an animal you deliver the paperwork he/she will fill out. Wait for the paperwork to be completed and bring it back to the sale table and get a new clipboard with a blank form for your next buyer. If you are selling your animal first, middle, or last, please make time to help out.

Servers: We are looking for a family or club to take on one of the duties on Sale Day. Each year during the sale, as the morning warms, we provide water to the buyers in the stands. We will recruit 4-H members to carry it through the stands and serve it to the buyer. We need someone to take on the overall distribution of the refreshments. Please call the Extension Office if you can help.



People's Choice Award

This year, thanks to our very generous 4-H Leader, Bill Prichard, we have a new award in the arts and crafts category at Fair. We have created the People's Choice Award. On Wednesday of Fair week, the public will have an opportunity to vote on the art's and crafts entries that have been submitted and the winner will receive a prize and ribbon. Be sure to stop by the General Projects Building on Wednesday of Fair week to make your vote. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office, 758-5553.



Attention Horse Project Members and Parents

Members: It is strongly suggested members wear helmets at all times. It will be enforced in all NWMT Fair 4-H Horse Classes. Otherwise you must have a helmet waiver on file.

Parents: For the safety of your child and horse, you are required to be present when your child is participating in any 4-H horse event, whether a clinic, show, Fair, or open riding etc. If for any reason you must leave, you must make arrangements with another parent or leader to be responsible for your child.



Remember:

Sale Flyers are available in the Extension Office. Be sure to drop by and pick up a few. They are a great way to advertise our Sale to new businesses and prospective buyers.

Thank you Grandview Supreme

Every year, during the Market Sale, Grandview Supreme 4-H Club records sale information and makes a "buyers sign" for each animal sold. We want to thank Grandview for their dedication to the sale and their continued service.



ALL 4H MEMBERS: You will be given this sign immediately following the sale of your animal. It is your responsibility to place your buyer's sign Thank You in your animal's stall when your return to your pen. Our Market Sale Buyers offer us tremendous support and we in turn need to recognize them with the Thank You signs proudly displayed.

Club Booth Displays in the General Projects Building



This year's Fair Theme is "A Squealin' Good Time". Every year clubs put together booths in the General Projects building that exemplify the Fair theme. On Tuesday, after all of the judging has taken place, clubs can put together their club display booth from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can bring your club banner for identification and all the decorations you wish to use on your display. All entries from your specific club will be displayed in your club booth. Country Cousins 4-H Club has sponsored a \$25.00 cash award to be presented to the club who's booth has displayed the Fair's theme the best. In the last six years the club booths have been awesome and a wonderful way to jazz up our general projects building with a burst of 4-H Club pride and spirit. If you have any questions, please call us at 758-5553.



*We are requiring that all **Market Live-stock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. close toed, sensible shoes) when handling their animal at all times during the NWMT Fair. We would also ask that the ear tags on all market animals be clean and readable at weigh-in. **Horse members** may not wear Fat Baby Style Boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*

Extension Office Moved to Fair

Our office will be closed during Fair Week (August 11th-16th) and relocated at the Fair Grounds in the Trade Center. Consequently, if you need materials or have questions, please take care of them by Friday, August 8th, 2008. We want to thank everyone for all the support and offers of help during this busy time.



Round Robin Pre-Training

The Junior and Senior overall winner of the showmanship contest in each of the following barns compete in the Round Robin Contest: Hog, Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, and Dairy Goat. There will be pre-training session at 11:30 am, Thursday, August 14th, 2008 at the Livestock Trade Center. In the spirit of positive competition and risk management purposes, each winner will show all other contestants how to safely handle and show their animal. All contest participants will receive this training to ensure the safety of each member and the animal participating in the contest. The round robin event will take place in the Trade Center at 1:30 pm

Fair Book Corrections



It's that time of the year again and the Fair Books are out and looking better than ever. Unfortunately, with the amount of information that this book must cover, it is almost impossible not to have a few inconsistencies. Here are a few that we have found thus far.

On page 93 under English Dress, the book lists that vests and coats are not allowed. This is a mistake. Vests and coats **are** allowed.

On page 100 there is a discrepancy on Round Robin times. The pre-training will be held at 11:30 am and the event will take place at 1:30 pm. This event is listed correctly on page 5, on the daily schedule.

Remember that if you have any questions, you are more than welcome to call the Fair Office at 758-5810 or the Extension Office at 758-5553. We are also happy to help if you have any questions about pre-registration. If something in the Fair book is unclear during Fair, always check with your Barn Superintendent.

End of Year Celebration Potluck and Carcass Awards Night

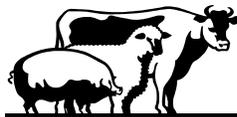
We've changed the name but the event is still the same. We'll be hold the 4H and FFA End of Year Celebration and Potluck at the Fair-grounds Expo Building on Tuesday, August 26th, 2008 at 6:00 pm. We will also be presenting the awards and distributing results for the carcass entries at the Northwest Montana Fair.

All 4H and FFA families who take part in the Northwest Montana Fair are welcome to attend. Please bring paper plates, utensils, drinks and a food dish with a serving spoon or fork. We will have barbequed pork, so bring side dishes and desserts to fill out the meal. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

*We'd like to thank Glacier Stars for volunteering to come early and set up tables and chairs. We ask all clubs and families to help with clean up.



A Tip for Market Animal Sales



Please remember to not put any type of color or dye on your market animal. Market animals will be going to slaughter and should not have anything used on them

that could possibly penetrate into the meat or fat layers. Presenting a clean, clipped, fitted, and trimmed market animal is what sale ethics encourages. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition, please remember, if you have tagged two animals you must declare on your August 1st pre-registration form which animal you will be bringing to Fair. This is the animal we will be expecting at weigh-in. Please do not bring your additional animal to the Fair. You may only bring your additional animal if they are pre-registered and will be shown in breeding class.

Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members

After the sale is over and the things have calmed down we can't forget to thank our livestock buyers. Member need to come into the Extension Office or the FFA office, after the Sale, for their photo, they will find a form attached to the back of the photo. This form will have a place for your buyer to sign and date, as well as a place for the buyer to list what they received for a thank you. It is the members responsibility to have your buyer fill out and sign the form, and it is the members responsibility to return it to the Extension Office or your FFA Advisor by December 1st, 2008. Those who do not have their form returned to the Extension Office or a FFA Advisor by December 1st, will not be allowed to take an animal to the Fair the following year. **"There will be no exceptions to this guideline"**. If you receive your payment in the mail, it is still your responsibility to take a thank you and your photo to the buyer and have your form filled out. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. It is important that we thank those who are so generous to our organizations. The success of the Livestock Sale depends on the kindness of those businesses and individuals in our community.

Montana 4-H State Horse Show

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show will be held in Missoula County at the Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis Montana. The dates of the show will be September 12-14th, 2008. Entry forms are currently unavailable, but will be out fairly soon. For questions, please call Campbell Barrett, 4-H Youth Development Agent for Missoula County, at 406-258-4203 or email him at cbarrett@montana.edu Information regarding the Sapphire Event Center can be found at <http://www.sapphireeventcenter.com/>



4-H State Youth Leadership Opportunities Application

The Montana 4-H Foundation has two youth positions open on its board of directors. These two positions are in addition to the State Ambassador Officer that serves as a Foundation Rep. This is a great youth in governance opportunity. Members must be at least 14 years of age and have been in Montana 4-H for at least 3 years. There are one and two year terms available. The 4-H Foundation meets about 4 times a year and travel expenses are paid for by the Foundation. Applications should be turned into the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, August 26th. If you are interested in one of these positions, contact the Extension Office for an application. 758-5553



4-H State Leader's Forum

This year's State Leader's Forum will take place in the Holiday Inn in Great Falls, MT on September 26th-27th. First time attendee's are eligible for a grant that will pay their registration fees. Sessions include Colors Personality Training, Youth Bullying, GPS, Leathercraft, Soap-crafting, Computer Training, Leadership Training, and much much more. Attendees also have the opportunity of touring either the Malmstrom Air Force Base, the Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center, or the CM Russell Museum. For more information regarding this great opportunity for 4H Leaders and Junior Leaders, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. Registrations closes Septem-

Make it With Wool Competition

The Montana Make it with Wool District 1 Competition will be held tentatively on October 25th, 2008. Counties participating in this district are Flathead, Granite, Lake, Lincoln, Mineral, Missoula, Northern Powell, Ravalli, and Sanders. Winners of this competition will be eligible to compete in the State Finals in Billings on December 5th and 6th. State winners compete in Las Vegas. Competition rules and registrations are available in the Extension Office.

4-H Valley Recycling Account

The Flathead 4-H Foundation has an account at Valley Recycling thanks to 4-H Leader, Judy Sommers. If you have recycling materials and would like to donate the Foundation this is a great way to do it. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553



2008 MT 4H Shotgun Postal

Junior 4-H members are to shoot one round (25shots) of Trap (5 shots from each of the 5 posts) from the 16 yard line. Seniors are to shoot two rounds (50shots) of Trap from the 16 yard line. Scores are to be shot between June 1st and August 15th. Score cards, signed by the scorekeeper, must be turned into the McCone County Extension Office at Box 200, Circle, MT 59215. A \$5.00 entry fee for each member is required. For more information, or to obtain score sheets, please call Ken Nelson at 406-485-2605.

Local Businesses Offering 4H Discounts/

Incentives: There are number of area businesses that offer 4H members discounts or incentives. These include but are not limited to Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply, Western Outdoor, Cenex Harvest States, Lucky T's and Corral West Ranchwear.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Flathead 4-H State Congress Delegation:

Chris Jellison, our Senior Ambassador for Flathead County was selected to be the State MEAC(Montana Extension Advisory Council) representative at State Congress.

We'd like to congratulate this year's Horse Judging Team: Trista Wise, Tanaia Wise and Ashley Clare for taking 2nd place at this year's 4H State Congress in Bozeman. Each of the girls also did very well in their individual events.

We also want to congratulate Lauren Callan, Ethan Thacker, Rebecca Fichter, and Megan Lynch, who also participated at State Congress competitive events and volunteered in helping make State Congress so successful. We had a great delegation this year. Great Job.

Free Registered Yearling Horse: Free to a good 4H home, registered half Arabian, half Quarter horse yearling. Call Patty Hayes for more information. 756-8717



Free Rabbit: Mini Lop doe, free to good home. She is sable in color. For more information, please call Sophia at 755-2071.

Free Rabbits: Dutch free to good home. Two 4 month old bucks, two does, and 5 three month old bunnies (not sorted). For more info call Amy Koch at 314-5052.



Wanted: Pasture land for 4-H Horse. Willing to pay. Please call Lindsey or Christine at 756-5715.

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