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54th Annual Flathead County 4-H Leader's Banquet



We are happy to invite **ALL** Flathead County 4-H Leaders to the 54th Annual Leader's Banquet. This year's theme is "Can't Put a Price on You!" The Banquet will be held at the Stillwater Grange on Friday, November 13th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The Stillwater Grange is located at 1810 West Reserve Drive, Kalispell. We will be serving dinner, dessert and entertainment and will be honoring our wonderful 4-H Leader's for the hard work that they do. We'll be dressed in our comfortable best. We are asking those that would like to attend, to please call the Extension Office by Monday, November 9th, 2009. 758-5553. We will be ordering dinner for each leader/guest. Reservations make our dinner count and expenses accurate when we place our order. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Colors Workshop Opportunity for Leaders & Parents

Karole Sommerfield, our 4-H & Youth Development Agent, will be presenting the first Real Colors Workshop for the 2009/2010 4-H year on Friday, December 11th at 6:00 pm. The class will be held at the United Way Community Room, located in the old Gateway West Mall building. Previous classes have filled up quickly so please call the Extension Office to reserve your slot as soon as possible. Real Colors is a program designed to help leaders gain insight into their own temperament and that of others, learning tools for interaction to reach new levels of communication with others. Those attending are asked to bring a potluck item. If you would like to attend, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. Class size is limited to 25 and pre-registration is required.



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4-H Fall Foundation Forum Meeting



The Flathead 4-H Foundation Fall Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009 at 6:30 pm. A leader from each club, and all District Representatives should attend Forum meetings. Topics of discussion will include a recap of the 08-09 4-H year, Foods Fair and other programming for the upcoming year. If you have an item that you would like to see added to the agenda, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.

The 2009-2010 4-H Yearly Calendar is available on our website and in the Extension Office. The calendar does not currently include horse clinic dates and times, which will be added before the January Newsletter is released. Thank you!

Interstate Exchange Opportunity for 4-H Girls

Currently there are several slots available to female 4-H members who would like to join our interstate exchange delegation group. We are in the first year of a two year rotation and will be hosting 4-H members from Pennsylvania this summer. The delegation will then travel to Pennsylvania the summer of 2011. The member must be in good standing in their club, be at least 13 years old, and be able to host an exchange member from June 23rd -30th, 2010. Those who are interested in applying for this opportunity should contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.



## Market Livestock Project Guidelines

To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must be enrolled in an active 4-H Club and meet certain requirements.

**All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years.** We will be offering three Livestock Quality Assurance Clinics this year. Dates are also listed below. **If you are taking a Hog, Beef or Sheep to the Fair, and you did not take this training last year, you are required to attend a LQA Training this year.** There are no exceptions. Young members who completed an LQA training last year are allowed to repeat their training this year if they choose. **Members must call the Extension Office at 758-5553 to sign up for a session.** Materials need to be prepared for each member who attends.



**Market Livestock Contracts:** All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) need to read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. The contract should be turned into the Extension Office no later than April 15th, 2010. Your livestock club leader will have these forms for you soon. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at 758-5553.

**LQA #1 :** Wednesday, January 6th, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen on the Fairgrounds.

**LQA #2:** Thursday, February 18th, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen on the Fairgrounds.

**LQA #3:** Tuesday, March 23rd, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen on the Fairgrounds.

**Please remember to put these dates on the Calendar.**

## County-wide Arts & Crafts Meeting

Bill Prichard, our county-wide arts and crafts leader, is once again offering monthly arts and crafts meetings to all Flathead County 4-H members enrolled in the arts and crafts project. The first meeting will be held on Monday, November 9th at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm. The project will be pine cone wreaths. Members should bring the following:

22 gauge wire	straw wreath ring (can be found at JoAnn's)
Pine Cones	Other decorations of your choosing
Glue Gun	Glue

If you are in need of pine cones, Bill has offered to allow members to come to his home on November 7th at 2:00 pm for a pine cone hunt. For more information, contact Bill at 257-6209.



## NEW! Beef Project Member Seminar Requirements

All 4-Hers who are either 1st or 2nd year beef project members must attend the Market Beef Seminar which will be held on Monday, December 7th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the United Way Community Room located in the old Gateway West Mall Building. This meeting is required for participation in 2010 market sale at the NWMT Fair. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553.

### Market Beef Project Members:

The 4-H steer tagging and weigh-in will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 5th, 2009 from 8:00-10:30 am. This is a **required** weigh-in for all members who are planning on being in the market beef project this year. Please be dressed appropriately to handle your animal, including proper foot wear and dress that is appropriate to the weather conditions of the day. Members should know their breeder's name and address, their animals breed, and it's birth date.

## AG & Horse Committee Meetings

**AG/Livestock Committee Meeting:** The next 4-H AG/Livestock Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds at 5:30 PM on Thursday, December 3rd, 2009.



Items for discussion will include tagging and weigh-in scheduling, upcoming seminars and an AG Chamber update. All clubs with members enrolled in a livestock project should have their livestock leader's in attendance.

**Horse Committee Meeting:** The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held at the Extension Office at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, November 10th. Items for the agenda will include scheduling for upcoming clinics and horse camp. All clubs with horse membership should have a representative attend this meeting. If you have an item that should be added to either agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## Shooting Sports Orientation Night

The Flathead County Shooting Sports Orientation Night will be Monday, November 16th, 2009 at the Grandstand Building on the Fairgrounds at 7:00 pm. All those who have re-enrolled for the upcoming year and those who have been contacted on the waiting list must attend this meeting to sign-up for shooting times for the upcoming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.

**FYI:** Future Arts & Crafts Dates are December 21st and each following month the meetings will be held the 1st Monday of the Month.

## Shooting Sports Leaders Training



Flathead County will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Training on Friday, December 4th and Saturday, the 5th. Leader's can obtain certification in one discipline of shooting sports: archery, air rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading and cowboy action. Training on Friday will be held at the Fairgrounds from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and resume on Saturday at 8:00 am. Saturday's locations will vary depending on discipline and end around 6:00 pm at the latest. Registration fees are \$50 per person and lunch will be provided. Pre-tests are required; forms can be obtained in the Office or on the web and are due by November 20th to the State 4-H Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension Office.

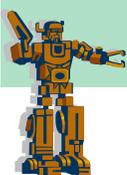
## Flathead Teen Council Needs You!

The Flathead 4-H Teen Council is underway and looking like they will have a successful year. If you are a teen and would like to join this group, led by our ambassadors, Lauren Callan and Jemma Morrow, and our Key Leader, Kelly Morrow, please contact Kelly at 756-8954. The council will be participating in a variety of events and community service projects throughout the upcoming 4-H year.



## New 4-H Family Orientation Meeting

Karole Sommerfield, our 4-H and Youth Development Agent, will be hosting a meeting for all new 4-H families at the United Way Community Room in the old Gateway West Mall Building on Thursday, January 21st, at 6:30 pm. She will be going over the in's and out's of the Flathead County 4-H program and answering questions for parents and members. 4-H Org Leader's are encouraged to promote this meeting to their new family members. Record keeping requirements, 4-H manuals for projects, deadlines for enrollment, and upcoming 4-H county wide projects will be included in the presentation. If you have any questions about this meeting, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. We hope that all the new 4-H families will be able to attend.



## 4-H Robotics Project

Gil Parsons has once again agreed to donate his time and lead the 4-H Robotics Program for another year. The project will not begin for a few months, however, we would like to know who is interested in participating in this project well in advance. Please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 and let us know if this project is something your child would like to be a part of.

## Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members



At this point, all market livestock photos and buyer thank you forms have been picked up by our last year's market members. 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, 2009. 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 your buyer chooses to take the form and mail it themselves, please be sure to verify that the Extension Office has received it. 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 support of those businesses and individuals in our community.

Our records indicate the following members have yet to return their buyer thank you forms. If you are on this list in error, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible:

Alt, Daniel	Anderson, Bryer	Appelt, Lane
Birk, Illyhia	Birk, Nicole	Braaten, Madeline
Braaten, Sawyer	Braaten, Victoria	Byle, Tanner
Carmalt, Talli	Carmalt, Trey	Christianson-Orem, Morgan
Engebretson, Shane	Fenster, Garret	Fenster, Kiley
Geldrich, Kelsey	Hanson, Ashley	Hellwig, Karl
Huntley, Brandon	Jellison, Christopher	Johnson, Cody
Kaptanian, Julian	Kaptanian, Pierre	Kirchner, Anna
Kirchner, Christina	Kirchner, Kyrah	Kirchner, Sarah
Krueger, Carissa	Lake, Samantha	Mahlen, Savannah-
Manning, Sean	Martin, Randy	Morrow, Julia
Murer, Michaela	Nicholson, Ashlyn	Nicholson, Brayden
Nicholson, Hunter	Olsen, Alison	Olsen, Koya
Probert, Moriah	Probert, Seth	Reiner, Brock
Sapa, Hailey	Shults, Ariana	Shults, McKenzie
Siderius, Shyann	Smith, Alysha	Stupack, Chance
Sutton, Kayla	Sutton, Krystal	Wilkinson, Meagan
Wilson, Greg	Wise, Walker	Yacavone, Pascale
Yacavone, Vincent		

## Extension Office Holiday Open House

The Extension Office will be hosting a holiday open house for all of our valued clientele on Monday, December 21st, 2009 from 10:00 am- 5:00 pm. We would love for everyone to stop by and enjoy some holiday goodies with us!

## People Partner Grants

People Partner Grants are provided to 4-H groups and individual members who apply for funding to provide a program or project that enhances the quality of living for people in their communities. Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting and evaluating the project. The project should make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life. Community support of the project must be evident in the application, and can include additional funding, resource persons taking part in the activity, and other agency involvement. Grants are awarded in various sizes, exceeding no more than \$500. Several clubs in our area have taken part and received these grants in the past. B&F Livestock applied and used funds to create baby blankets for the Hope Pregnancy Center, High Mountain Meadows received a grant to help with the landscaping around the Kila School, and the Kila Rangers used the grant funding to build a new storage shed at the 4-H camp on Loon Lake so that the camp had a safe location to store life jackets and other equipment. Applications are available in the Extension Office. Applications must be returned to the Extension Office no later than January 21st, 2010.

## We need Camp Counselors!

We are now accepting applications for Camp Counselors and CIT's for the Flat-head County Camp. Camp will be July 19th-22nd. Anyone 14 and older by October 1st, 2009 can apply as a Counselor. Counselors have a major role in the success of Camp. If you are 13 years of age you can apply as a CIT (Counselor in Training). All Camp Counselors and CIT's will be involved with planning the Camp programs and activities. We are taking applications earlier this year so that we can spread out the training and camp planning meetings. Applications are available in the Extension Office. The apps are due in the Office no later than Wednesday, January 20th, 2010. Please feel free to call if you have any questions. 758-5553



## Trip Award Applications for Senior 4-H Members



If you are interested in attending any of the following state and nationwide events in the upcoming 4-H year, and you are at least 14 years of age by October 1st, 2009, then you should definitely consider filling out a trip award application. Trip Award Applications are not required to participate in these events, however, you may receive extra funding if you apply. Trip Award applications are available in the Extension Office and on our website, and are due January 21st. For more information, please feel free to contact us.

**Citizenship Seminar** is held in Helena in March, 2010. Members will learn how the legislative process works, how to write a Bill, and enhance speech and debate skills. Applications will be available in the Extension Office and online when released by the State Office.

**Montana State Recreation Lab** Recreation lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. More information on this event will be in future newsletters.

**Citizenship Washington Focus** is a program where 4-H members experience a six day intensive training on the democratic process and their role as citizens while enjoying our nation's capitol. Members must be 15-19 years old and will travel June 12th-19th, 2010. Partial scholarships are available for this program. Registration for the trip itself is due in the Extension Office no later than January 21st.



**Montana 4-H State Congress** provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the MSU campus in Bozeman for 4 days (July 7th-10th) and participate in an event which includes contests, workshops, entertainment, social events and much more. Actual applications for this event will be announced in future newsletters.

## Club Treasury Reports Past Due

The following Clubs need to turn their 2008/2009 financial summaries to the Extension Office as soon as possible. Please let us know if you need another treasury book or other forms. 758-5553.

A Bit of Difference	B&F Livestock	Canyon Explorers
Dandy Dudes & Dolls	Deer Park	Flat. Shooting Sports
Glacier Stars	Golden Spurs	Happy Hooves
High Mountain Meadows	Hilltop Riders	Kila Rangers
Lakeview Livestock	Lasalle Boosters	Open Horizons
Smith Valley Boosters.		

## Important Dates to Remember for Club Leaders:



**November 10th:** Club enrollment packets are due back into the Extension Office.

**November 13th:** Leader's Banquet at the Stillwater Grange.

**December 10th:** Club outlines are due in the Extension Office.

**Murdoch's Gift Wrapping Dates:** If your club is interested in taking on a gift wrapping day at Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply please call Chris Scott at 261-9454. She has generously offered to coordinate the project this year. Thanks Chris!!!!

## Do You Have a Theme for Food Fair



We want your theme for the upcoming Foods Fair that will be held Saturday, January 23rd, 2010. If you have an idea for a theme, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 or email us at

[extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov) We would like to have

all ideas submitted by December 3rd, 2009 so that we can present your theme ideas to the Fall Foundation Forum.

## Western Region Leader's Forum

Plans are well underway for the 2010 Western Region Leaders' Forum. The Forum will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico on March 11th - 14th, 2010. All 4-H leaders, teens and staff from the 13 western states, 2 Canadian provinces and the Pacific Territories are invited. The event is capped at 400 participants, so don't delay in registering.

The full-time registration includes Thursday evening appetizers and 4 meals, hospitality room, workshops, speakers, commercial exhibits, entertainment and activities. On Friday and Saturday there will be 64 workshops on a diverse range of topics. Some of the workshop titles are: Magic of Leadership, Sciencetriffic 4-H Projects, Are you a 4-H Pig or Chicken?, Internet Use in 4-H Activities, Introduction to Boondoggle Delights and 4-H Working. Early bird registrations must be submitted by December 15th. Online registration is available at <http://nm4h.nmsu.edu> The 2010 Forum will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Hotel registration information is located on the Forum website. Reservations can be made on-line or by calling 402-592-6464 or 888-421-1442.



## State Livestock Committee



The Montana State 4-H Livestock Committee has several positions available in District One that need to be filled. There are two adult volunteer and up to two youth member positions available. Terms are three years beginning and ending in January.

Major Responsibilities include Animal Quality Assurance Programs, the Advanced Market Beef Project, Livestock Leaders Forum (could be held in combination with the State 4-H Horse Leaders Forum), Updating or Adding Curriculum, and policy decisions. This committee and its responsibilities will continue to take shape as it meets and discusses statewide livestock issues. Applications are due to the state by December 1st and are available in the Extension Office and on our website.



## Travel Opportunities for Senior 4-H Members

Each year the 4-H Center for Youth Development State Office works hard to include Montana 4-H'ers in National and International opportunities. This year is no exception.

**International Opportunities:** International travel locations include Japan, Australia, Costa Rica, Nihongo, Finland, and Norway. Trips vary in length and some locations can be combined. Japan one year internships are also available. Japan internship applications deadlines are December 1st and all other apps are due January 15th. Call the Extension Office for more information. 758-5553 More information is also available at the state website which is [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) under Programs and then under International Programs.

## National 4-H Conference

The National 4-H Conference will be held March 20th – March 25th, 2010 at the National 4-H Center just outside Washington DC. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults--at the invitation of the Secretary of Agriculture--assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Conference delegates are prepared, personally and professionally, to become more active participants within their communities and effectively develop youth-adult partnerships for community action. Montana has the ability to send four individuals from our state. Youth must be 15-18 years of age by January 2010 and not a senior in high school to be eligible. Adults must be currently enrolled 4-H leaders or Extension Staff and be 24 years of age or older. Applications are available on our website or in the Extension Office and are due to the state office no later than November 15th. Delegates will receive partial funding for the trip; out of pocket expenses are estimated at \$1400.



## MSU Scholarships Available



Montana State University is offering several scholarships for freshmen for the upcoming school year. These include the new MSU Premier Scholarship program. The new Premier Scholarships are based on ACT and/or SAT scores and grade point average. Awards will be applied to tuition only. Scholarship applications are available at [www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships) Most scholarship applications are due by the first week in January and require an application for admission to be submitted in advance.

## 2009 MT State 4-H Horse Show Results



Flathead County 4-H was well represented this year at the 2009 Montana State 4-H Horse Show which was held in Lewistown, MT in Fergus County in October. Caitlin Sterchi, Andora Tutvedt,

Moriah Probert, Kelsey Nostrum and Eliza, Lillian and Thomas Diegel all took part in the event. Members said they had a great time and plan on attending in years to come. We would like to thank our members, their parents and leaders for their hard work and willingness to go the extra mile.

Here are the following results for our talented members:

Eliza Diegel	5th– English Horsemanship 3
Lillian Diegel	8th– INT Showmanship 11-13
	6th– INT Western Eq 11-13
	1st– Western Horsemanship 4
	7th– English Horsemanship 3
Thomas Diegel	2nd– Western Horsemanship 1
Kelsey Nostrum	3rd– Hunter Hack– Exhibition
Moriah Probert	8th– 2 Year Old Western
	8th– JR Poles 13 & Under
	6th– Hunter Hack
Caitlin Sterchi	3rd– SR Showmanship 14 & older
	1st– Yearling Showmanship
	8th– Western Horsemanship 5
	8th– SR Trail 14 & older
	3rd– Yearling Trail
Andora Tutvedt	5th– SR Bareback Eq 14 & older
	2nd– 3 Year Old Western
	2nd– 4 Year Old Western
	1st– 3 Year Old English
	3rd– 4 Year Old English
	7th– SR Western Eq 14 & older
	6th– SR English Eq 14 & older
	5th– Level 2 Green/ Level 3 Colt Mat
	4th– Level 3 Green/ Level 4 Colt Mat
	3rd– Western Horsemanship 5
	6th– English Horsemanship 5
	3rd– Gr Horse/ Colt Maturity 2-3 year old Trail
	3rd– Gr Horse/ Colt Maturity 4-5 yr & up Trail

## Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Board Meeting

The next Darrell Fenner 4-H Board Meeting will be held at the Flathead County Extension Office from 5:00pm –7:00 pm on Monday, November 30th, 2009. Agendas available upon request. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## 2010 State Farm Service Learning Champion Award

State Farm supports service-learning as a teaching method that enhances the academic achievement of students while engaging in service to the community. Teachers and parents are usually the primary individuals guiding a young person's education. Other adults often play a key role in broadening a youth's formal education through community service-learning activities. State Farm created the Service-Learning Champion Award to acknowledge this non-traditional advocate of service-learning. The State Farm Service-Learning Champion Award recognizes a business leader, community member or public official who has a passion for engaging youth in service-learning. Nominations for this annual award are due Dec. 1, 2009. This annual award will be presented to the recipient at the 21st Annual National Service-Learning Conference in March 2010, in San Jose, Calif. Transportation, lodging, and conference registration costs for the award recipient will be provided by State Farm. Applications can be found at [http://www.statefarm.com/about/part\\_spos/topics/nom\\_slchamp.asp](http://www.statefarm.com/about/part_spos/topics/nom_slchamp.asp)

**The Extension Office will be Closed in Observance for Thanksgiving on both Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th. Have a wonderful holiday!**

### FREE & WANTED ITEMS

**Wanted:** Needed one rabbit hutch for a 4-H rabbit project. Please call Jordan at 854-2234 if you are able to help.

**Free Horse Lease:** Bay/White (Paint colored) unregistered gelding, 10 years old, has done arena, trail, cows, needs intermediate rider. Call Cheryl Favre 270-0669 for more info.

**The supreme happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves.**  
– Victor Hugo, French poet, novelist (1802-1885)



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