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Meet the Candidates for the 4-H Agent Position

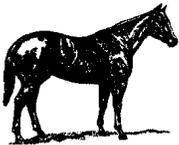
The selection committee has narrowed the pool to two possible candidates for the Flathead County 4-H Agent position and we'd like you to meet them. There will be a public meeting held at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 1st at the Hampton Inn in Kalispell. (1140 HWY 2 West, Kalispell). Candidates will present on the following topic: "What is your vision for the Extension 4-H Youth Development program in Flathead County? What specific steps will you take in your first year to make progress toward your vision?" We encourage all of our leaders and interested families to attend. Refreshments will be provided. The evening will wrap up around 8:30 pm. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

56th Annual Leader's Banquet "The Many Faces of 4-H"



We are happy to invite **ALL** Flathead County 4-H Leaders to the 56th Annual Leader's Banquet which is themed "The Many Faces of 4-H". Dinner will be held Friday, November 18th at 6:30 pm at the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street in Kalispell. We will be serving dinner, dessert, entertainment and will be honoring our wonderful 4-H Leaders for the hard work that they do. Leaders and their guests are encouraged but not required to have fun with the theme and dress up with masks and/or costumes. We are asking those who would like to attend to please RSVP prior to Friday, November 11th with the Extension Office. 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!!!

Flathead County 4-H Horse Judging



Moriah Probert and Kelsey Nostrum, 4-H horse project members and junior leaders, in conjunction with the 4-H Horse Committee, will be hosting the 1st Flathead County Invitational Horse Judging Competition. The event will be held at the Mooring Road Arena on Saturday, November 12th beginning at noon. Cost will be \$10-15. Pre-registration is encouraged prior to November 1st. Meals are provided for \$5. Registrations will be available online and in the Extension Office. For more information, please contact Moriah at 257-5735.

Flathead Shooting Sports Orientation Night

Monday, November 14th, at 6:30 the Flathead Shooting Sports program will start off with it's orientation night. All those who are taking part in this year's program should attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension Office. 758-5553.

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**The Extension Office will
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November 7-11th.
We apologize for the
inconvenience.**

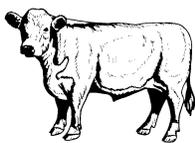


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Mandatory Meeting For 1st & 2nd Year Market Beef Project Members

All 4-H members who will be entering either their 1st year or 2nd year in the market beef project (and even those just considering the option) are required to attend a meeting on Tuesday, November 15th, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Gateway Mall Community Center Conference Room (Please enter the building through the Food Court and turn right following the signs.) This is a mandatory meeting for 1st/2nd year members and a parent. Due to the facility, you can not join the meeting late, so please be sure to be at the meeting on time. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.



4-H Committee Meetings

AG/Livestock Committee: The next AG/Livestock Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, December 1st at 5:30 pm. To add items to the agenda, please contact the committee chair, Marian McAllister, at 837-0119



Horse Committee: The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, January 17th, at 5:45 p.m. Please call Marleen Probert at 257-5735 if you would like to add items to the meeting agenda.

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 1st, 2011 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 10-11 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.



Flathead 4-H Teen Council Needs YOU!!!

YOU!



The Flathead County 4-H Ambassadors Samantha Lake and Kadin Prichard are starting the Teen Council back up. This is for any member who is 4-H age 14 and older. Please call Samantha at 253-7771 or Kadin at 890-9798 for more information.

Livestock Judging Team Meeting

There will be an organizational livestock judging meeting on Monday, November 14th at 5:30 pm at the Agape' House, (40 Appleway Drive). We will be meeting to discuss the year's schedule, goals, etc... If families are interested but cannot attend or have questions contact Julie Brubaker at julie.4hmotomom@yahoo.com or 314-0175. Parents are encouraged to attend and help with organization of the team. For more information, you can also call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

Does Your Club Want to Gift Wrap at Murdoch's During the Holidays?

During the holiday season, many clubs participate in gift wrapping at Murdoch's as a fundraiser. If your club would like to take part, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454. She has been kind enough to organize this project for us. Space is limited so please be sure to contact Chris as soon as possible to reserve your club's spot.

Congratulations and Thank You to Inga Lake

We'd like to thank Inga Lake, our 4-H county Key Leader for taking part and driving our prospective ambassador, Bailey Brubaker to ambassador fall training. While attending the meeting, Inga was selected to the District Key Leader as well. Way to go Inga for taking on this task and being such a fantastic volunteer!

Foods Fair Themes?- Do you have a fun theme for the upcoming Foods Fair event? If you do, please call the Extension Office with your idea so that we can vote on it at the December Fall Forum Meeting. 758-5553 or extension@flathead.mt.gov

Congratulations Trail Blazer's

We'd like to congratulate the Trail Blazer's 4-H Club for their winning window display, located in Whitefish, during National 4-H Week. We'd also like to thank all the other clubs that took part in this event: L.L.A.M.A Club, Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon, Country Cousins, Open Horizons, Grandview Supreme and the Golden Spurs. 4-H was extremely well represented and we received numerous calls from families interested in joining 4-H. Our 4-H program is amazing!!!

Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members

After the sale is over and things have calmed down we can't forget to thank our livestock buyers. When members 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 their 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, 2011. Those who do not have their form returned to the Extension Office or an 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.



The following members need to return their thank you forms in to the Extension Office by December 1st:

Bryer Anderson	Garrett Fenster	Mackenna Murer
Karsyn Anderson	Kiley Fenster	Julia Nelson
Leya Anderson	Justin Gronley	Riley Olson
Cheyenne Andrews	Hayden Hansen	Jenae Roedel
Lane Appelt	Kalle Hanson	Francis Saenz
Desiree Blankenship	Karly Hanson	Isaac Saenz
-Baker	Curtis Jochen	Marcos Saenz
Abigail Boll	Lauren Jochen	Ramon Saenz
Cora Boll	Stephen Jochen	Kaden Safranski
Destiny Brewer	Bailey Johnson	Hailey Sapa
Torri Brewer	Cody Johnson	Shelby Sladek
Carson Brown	Kyla Johnston	Kailey Spain
Kennedy Brown	Christina Kirchner	Kenisha Spain
Bailey Brubaker	Bailey Lake	Lindsay Strouse
Kali Brubaker	Samantha Lake	Gabrielle Sutton
Brian Burnett	Kaitlyn Lamm	Kolbie Sutton
Morgan Christianson	Arik Lybeck	Justin Taylor
-Orem	Trevor Malloy	James Thompson
Leon Cook	Kaitlyn May	Jaimie Trainer
Steven Cook	Lincoln May	Andora Tutvedt
Kyle Engebritson	Talon McCarver	Colton Woll
Shane Engebritson	Aaron Morris	Shelton Woll
Skyler Farnes	Danielle Morris	

Horse Project Guidelines



All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the 4-H Horse or Mini Horse project and/or NWMT Fair 4-H horse/ mini horse competition, must meet the following requirements:

Horse Cards: The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse/ mini horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. These cards must be in the office no later than Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

Project and Helmet Forms: Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse/ mini horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form and a Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education Form on file in the Office. Members must also watch the Every Time, Every Ride Video once every other year. Please discuss this guideline with your horse club leader.

Assessments: (not applicable for mini horse members) Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Each member must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. Members will compete in the highest level completed and on file in the Extension Office. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Wednesday, June 1st, 2012.

Clinics: To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse/ mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse/ mini horse clinic during the upcoming year. **Members must sign-in to a clinic or event to receive credit for attendance. It is the members responsibility to remember to do so.** There will be several clinics offered throughout our 4-H year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics. Clinic dates will be posted.

* New this year, the Horse Judging Competition will be considered a qualifying clinic for project guidelines.

6 Clinic Options offered during the 2011-2012 4-H Year:

November 12th– Horse Judging Competition (see page 1)
 February– How to Teach Your Horse to do Tricks
 March– Introduction to the Ranch Horse Project and Roping
 April– Golden Spurs Horse Show and Showing Basics 101
 May 11th-12th– Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp
 May - Horsemanship Basics

Exact dates for all events will be located in upcoming newsletters.



Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is offering to provide children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, including horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting events prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727.

Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the office for reimbursement.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a trip held annually where Montana 4-H members travel as a group with chaperones to the National 4-H Conference Center in Washington, DC.



The week long trip includes workshops, meetings with legislators, and visits to monuments and museums. Applications are due January 1st to the State 4-H office. The Susan Dufner Scholarship (also due January 1st) can defray some of the expense. Members must be 15 years old (4-H age) to attend and to apply for the scholarship you must be 17 years of age. Applications are available in the Extension Office or on our website.

Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum in Cheyenne Wyoming

The Western Region 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Cheyenne Wyoming on January 12-15th at the Historic Plains Hotel and the Union Depot. Early bird registration is September 1st through November 1st and will cost \$225; cost after November 1st is \$325 and no registrations are accepted after December 15th. This is a great opportunity for leaders to meet those involved in 4-H from 13 different states, and swap ideas and resources. A main topic will be "Why Do Teens Act That Way?? A survival guide to the teen brain", presented by Dr. David Walsh. 83 additional hours of workshops will be provided to help re-motivate and entertain you. For more information or registrations, please go to http://4-h.uwyo.edu.WRLF_12.asp



Are You Interested in a Llama or Alpaca Project?

The Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpacas 4-H Club (L.L.A.M.A. Club) is a fast growing club in the Valley that has fun events and activities for it's members. Several members have recently been honored nationally for their 4-H involvement. If you and your family would like to take part please contact Angela Crenshaw at 257-4474. If you don't have an animal or if you have no room to house an animal but would still like to take part, arrangements may be available for you.



International Travel Opportunities



The IFYE program (International 4-H Youth Exchange) is designed for 4-H members to travel together with other 4-H members from the US to foreign countries and gain valuable experience and insight into other cultures. Members must be at least fifteen years old to participate, however some locations require members to be older. There are three and six month programs and locations include Argentina, Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, Finland, Norway and IFYE. Information on each program is available on the state 4-H website: www.montana4h.org Applications are due to the state office no later than January 1st.

Montana 4-H Foundation Change For the Challenge



The Montana 4-H Foundation has started a new fundraiser. Ruth and Vernon Taylor, Montana 4-H supporters, have agreed to match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, raised by 4-Hers collecting change throughout the state. Clubs have challenged other clubs to make donations and several Flathead Clubs have brought funds in. We have a collection jar in the office for spare change and if any clubs would like to begin collecting change they are encouraged to do so. So far the state has collected over \$40,000!!!

Please mark your calendars for the Extension Office Holiday Open House. We are inviting everyone to join us for goodies and good times on Thursday, December 15th. More details in next month's newsletter.

Important Programing Change For Flathead County 4-H

The Flathead 4-H program has decided to amend our 4-H guideline regarding "senior" 4-H members so that we are in compliance with all state programming. Previously, senior members were 4-H age 13 years and older. State guidelines define 4-H senior members as 14 years of age and older. As of October 1st, 2011 Flathead County 4-H members will now be 14 years of age and up. These changes will be reflected in numerous county programs including foods fair, county congress and Fair. This should alleviate some confusion. Thank you.

Free and Wanted Items:

Free to Good Home: Three Goats. 1 Nubian Female, 1 Oberhasli Milk Goat, and 1 Oberhasli cross that is a couple of months old. For more information call Diana Cook at 212-7508.

Free to 4-H family: Two experienced trail horses– 15 year old purebred Rocky Mountain gelding and a 21 year old bay Tobiano paint. Both stand easily to be saddled and are well behaved. For more information please contact Bill and Tis Joseph at 250-3885 or 257-7270.

Shooting Sports Leaders Training

Flathead County will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Training on Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, the 3rd. 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 \$60 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 21st to the State 4-H Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension Office

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit. ~Albert Schweitzer

Murdoch's Discount Cards for the 2011-2012 4-H Year

The new 2011-2012 Murdoch's 4-H discount cards are now available at all Murdoch's locations. Murdoch's is asking members to stop by the store with their old cards to exchange for new ones. If members are new, lost their card or did not have a card previously, they can simply show their latest newsletter or other proof of membership to receive one. Any questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



LLAMA Club Successfully Saves Numerous Llamas

Flathead County LLAMA Club rescued nineteen llamas that were located on a ranch near Great Falls, MT in January. They were originally informed of nine llamas that needed homes and Diana Blair, Craig Stevens and Tara Pound headed to Great Falls to get them. What they found was a horrible sight. One llama had already died and the rest were weak with hunger and dehydration.



They had not had water for over 5 days and they were so hungry that they had begun to eat the fiber off one another for food. The group decided immediately to take all the llamas back to the Flathead. It took two trips to transport the animals back to Kalispell. Charlene Esch of Ashley Creek Animal Clinic donated medical supplies and her expertise in helping the animals recuperate. Donations from several business and individuals were also made to help feed and house the animals. Donations were made by Trudy Brown, Steve Rolfing, Precision Applications, LLC, O'Connell Hay of Bigfork, Dick and Jean Williams, Jeramiah Gallagher, Cenex, Sopris Llamas, and Quality Llama Products, as well as the time, resources and effort of the club families. Since their recovery, animals have been adopted by Diana Blair, Amanda and Cody Bicknell, Victoria Braaten, Emma and Tara Pound, Hank and Troy Crenshaw, Vin Stevens, Dick and Jean Williams Erin Sanchez, Craig Stevens and Lisa Labendeira. Since their adoptions there have been four new cria that were successfully delivered! It's been an amazing success story for these animals and a huge accomplishment for those involved. Way to Go!!!!





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