



## Flathead 4-H Pistol Team Win Nationals!



Pictured from left are Austin Styler, Alana Davis, chief ranger officer Butch LaBore, Nell Ward, coach Dennis Urban and Tyler Volkman.

Four 4-H air pistol shooters, all from Flathead County, have won top overall honors at the 2009 National Shooting Sports Invitational Match held June 24th-28th in Grand Island, NE. Austin Styler, Tyler Volkman, Alana Townsend and Nell Ward made up the team representing Montana, shooting with entrants from 29 other states.

Day one of competition featured slowfire bullseye shooting. All four team members placed in the top 10 and the squad earned a second place team honor.

Day two was metallic silhouette shooting. Three members of the team were again in the top 10 and the team again won silver medals. Day three was timed/rapid fire. Three members were in the top 10 resulting the first gold medal for the team. Each day's match was 40 shots.

At the Awards Breakfast, Montana's team was presented with gold medals for winning first place overall, and Styler, Volkman, Townsend and Ward were all in the top 10. Individually, Styler and Townsend won first and third places, respectively. An additional highlight was the award of the Daisy Scholarship to Styler during the awards ceremony.

We'd like to congratulate these members and their coaches for their hard work and exemplary sportsmanship while representing not only our County but our State. Great Job!

## National 4-H Week

October 4th-10th is National 4-H Week! This year's National 4-H Week promotional kit will help you successfully promote 4-H to parents and children in the community. The theme is "Meet the Future". We have promotional materials available in the Extension Office provided from the National 4-H Brand site. These include posters and flyers. A number of clubs have created window displays in area businesses or have found other ways to promote 4-H locally in their community. Materials are also available for download at [www.4-h.org/brandnetwork/4hweektoolkit.html](http://www.4-h.org/brandnetwork/4hweektoolkit.html) Please call in advance before picking up materials for your club.



## 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. 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 you 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!

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## Time to Turn in Records!

September 30th was the official end of the 2008-2009 4-H year. If you are an **independent member**, you should have your records and workbooks turned into the Extension Office already. If you have not, please call the Extension Office to make arrangements.

Those of you involved in clubs need to speak to your 4-H Club leader to find out when your records were due. Anyone in a club must turn in their records to their Club Leader by the date that the Club leader stipulates, which usually is in the end of September or the beginning of October. Project records need to be completed in order to be eligible for market livestock projects in the upcoming year and various county trips and awards. For all Leaders, if you need a new club print out of your members and their projects, please contact us and we will print one out for you. We have gold seals and check off sheets ready in the office for you to pick up. Also remember, I can't put together award packets without a list from you stating which members in your club completed their 4-H year. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 758-5553.

## Attention Club Leaders: End Of Year Award Packets

Most clubs plan achievement night and year end award ceremonies in November. End of year award packets will be available on October 28th, 2009. To put these packets together, we need a list of all of the members in each club that have completed their 4-H year and should receive a certificate. Please bring or fax your list into our office as soon as possible. Our fax number is 758-5881. If you need a list of members, please call the office at 758-5553 and we will print one out.



## Important Dates to Remember for Club Leaders:

**October 15th:** Club Treasury Reports are due in the Extension Office.

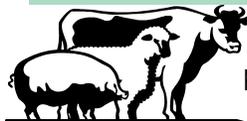
**October 28th:** End of year Award Packets are ready in the Extension Office. (If a complete list of members has been submitted previously)

**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.

## Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members



Market Livestock pictures are ready for pickup in the Extension Office. When a 4H member comes into the office for their photo, they will find a form attached to their packet. 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, 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 you 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.

## 2010 Alberta 4-H Leader's Conference

Plans are underway for the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference 2010. The conference will be held January 8th-10th. Once again, Montana 4-H has been invited to send up to 8 adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference.



**Who May Apply to Attend:** Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year. Priority consideration will be given to applicants: who have not previously attended, applicants from counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years, and those who have served as leaders for 3 or more year (including the current year). Remaining delegate positions will be selected based on information provide in the application.

If this is an opportunity you are interested in please call the Extension Office (758-5553) for an application or check our website at <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension> Applications must be returned to the state 4-H office no later than October 15th.

We would like to thank Vicki Neill for organizing our members who distributed water during the Market Sale at this year's Northwest Montana Fair. Vicki is a leader with Golden Spurs 4-H Club and a cloverbud parent and we were grateful that she volunteered her time even though she does not currently have a child in the market livestock project. She did a wonderful job.

## Shooting Sports Sign-up Time!

**Flathead Shooting Sports:** If you shot in last year's shooting sports program at the Fairgrounds, which includes archery, rifle, pistol, etc., your parent/guardian must come into the Extension Office to fill out enrollment and release forms. You must be registered for the upcoming year no later than Friday, October 30th, 2009 at 5:00 pm. If you do not preregister by that date, you will not have a reserved slot in the program and will have to be put on the waiting list. If you were not involved in the shooting sports program last year, we have a waiting list in the Extension Office. Our number is 758-5553 and email is [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov). We will need the following information: Name of youth participant, date of birth, mailing address, parents contact name, phone number, and email address if available. You must be 9 years old by October 1st, 2009 to be able to participate in this program. Orientation night has yet to be announced. Please ready your November newsletter for more information regarding the upcoming year. All those on the waiting list that will be able to participate in the program will be called in the advance of the Orientation night so that they can register either in the office or at Orientation. Questions? Call 758-5553



**Young Guns:** Richard Miller, organizational leader of the Young Guns 4-H Club, has notified us that he is uncertain of the status of his club as of this publication date, and a definite decision will be made by November. If you shot in Young Guns last year and you would like to ensure your ability to continue your shooting sports projects, please call the Extension Office so we can place you on the Flathead Shooting Sports program waiting list. You are under no obligation to switch clubs. 758-5553.

## 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.



**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. Members need to know their breeder's name and address and be dressed appropriately for both handling their animal and weather.

## Flathead Teen Council Needs You!

The Flathead 4-H Teen Council will have its first meeting at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, on Monday, October 19th, 2009 at 7:00 pm. 4-H members aged 13 years and up are strongly encouraged to attend. Discussion will include upcoming community service events and group opportunities for teen members during the 4-H year.



We would also like to thank Jemma Morrow, Alana Townsend, Quinn Kittleson, Bailey Brubaker, and key leader, Kelly Morrow for working so hard in September at the first Teen Council fundraiser. They did a wonderful job and their efforts produced the first funds raised for their treasury.

## 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 Monday, October 5th, 2009. Items for discussion will include tagging and weigh-in scheduling, Livestock Quality Assurance Trainings and Livestock contracts. All clubs 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, updates on the state horse show, and other programming for the upcoming year. 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.

## Colors Workshop Opportunity for Leaders and 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. 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. Location will be announced in the November newsletter.

## 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.



## Project Award Interviews



All 4-H Members who have completed record books for the 2008-2009 4-H year are eligible for county project awards. Applications can be found on our website and in the Extension Office. You may select as many as **four** project areas to interview in. An example of project areas would be sheep, beef, swine, foods, sewing, woodworking, etc. Therefore, you will not specify both market lamb and sheep breeding if you do both, you would simply list sheep as the project area. Next, fill out the form and turn it into the Extension Office by Monday, October 26th, 2009. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, November 4th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bring your 4-H Books and Records to the Extension Office during the interview times designated and we will have one on one interviews on a first come first served basis. Remember to dress as if you were going to a job interview. Volunteer 4-H Leaders will be interviewing the members. This is a great chance to talk about your project accomplishments and show off your record keeping skills. If this is your first time doing project interviews, you will receive a 4-H sash, to keep your project pins on. The first time you interview in a project you will receive a project pin, then in following years you will receive a year patch signifying each additional year that you do award interviews. Remember, this is an opportunity for all 4-H members. Please call the Extension Office if you need further information, 758-5553.



## 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.

**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 is due in the Extension Office no later than January 21st.

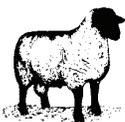
**International Opportunities:** International travel locations include Japan, Australia, Costa Rica, Nihongo, Finland, and Norway. Trips vary in length and some locations can be combined. Japan one year internships are also available. Japan internship applications deadlines are December 1st and all 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.

## Shooting Sports Leaders Training



Flathead County will be hosting a 4-H Shooting Sports Training on Friday, December 4th and Saturday, the 5th. Leaders 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.

## 2009 Make It With Wool



The 2009 "Make It With Wool" District One contest will be held on Saturday, October 31st at the Ronan High School library at 1:00PM. This competition is open to pre-teens (12 and under), juniors (13-16), seniors (17-24), and adults (25 and up). Fabrics used must be 100% wool or wool blend (minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber). Also included in this year's event is a quilt / afghan contest. For all rules and contest descriptions please stop by the Extension Office at 800 South Main St. District winners will have the opportunity to participate at State and National levels.



## 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.

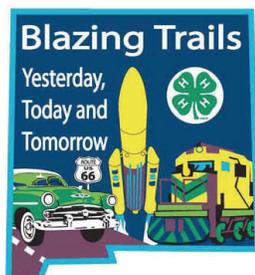
## Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

If you have made a difference by volunteering in your community over the past year, you could win \$1000 and a trip to Washington, DC next May by applying for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award. To apply go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> Once you've completed your application, print it out, sign it, have a parent sign it; then bring it to our office. Applications are due in our office no later than October 30th. State level honoree's will be announced in February, 2009 and National winners will be notified shortly thereafter.

## 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.



## 4-H Million Trees Project

Last year, a national large scale service learning project, 4-H Million Trees, was launched. Members in Belmont, CA launched the project with the goal of planting 1 million trees nationwide to combat global climate change. Since there are 6 million 4-H members nationwide, the hope is that 4-H will unite and the trees will be planted by 2011.



So far over 26,000 trees have been planted and 9,800 youth in 35 states have taken part in this event. To enter your club in this project, go to [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org) 4H has partnered with The Arbor Day Foundation so that clubs can obtain 12 small trees with a \$12 membership. Clubs may also choose to obtain donations of trees or supporting materials. More information can be obtained by contacting your club's leader or calling the Extension Office at 758-5553.

**CHALLENGE: The Country Cousins 4-H Club would like to challenge other Flathead County Clubs to participate in the Million Tree Project with them.**

## 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.



## National Student Leadership Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to an entering freshman and is valued at \$10,000 per year, renewable upon satisfactory academic progress and leadership. The deadline to apply is November 1st. The scholarship is only for students wishing to attend North Carolina University. Applications are available at <http://www.ncsu.edu/extension/sheltonleadership/> then select leadership scholarships. Applicants should be able to demonstrate their continued and increasing involvement in their community.

We are creating a list of biographies of former Little Chief award recipients. We would like to follow-up on their lives and accomplishments. If you know of any way to contact the following people, call Extension Office at 758-5553. Thanks!

Bonnie McLean 1989	Allison Nestegard 1990	Melissa Griffith 1992
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## 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.

## 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)

### FREE & WANTED ITEMS

**Free Llamas:** Two tame llamas free to good home. Great for 4-H projects. Please call Angela Crenshaw at 257-4474 or Diana Blair at 756-6767

**Free Horse to Good Home:** POA Blue Roan 23 year. Very well trained and good for youth. Health checked and ready to go. Needs grain softened but otherwise no other special care required. Contact Tracie Scherer at 892-0179.

**Free Horse to Good Home:** 20 + year old Arabian. Gentle and Loving. Please call Maggie at 212-4739 and leave a message.

**Of all the millions of words written on happiness, this is the oldest and most enduring truth. If the principles of contentment are not within us, no material success, no pleasures or possessions, can make us happy.**

– Lillian Eichler Watson, writer



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