



Flathead County 4-H News

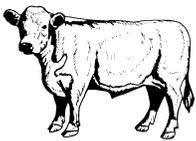
2010-2010 4-H Year Leader's Meeting



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There will be a meeting held on Saturday, November 6th, for all new and re-enrolling 4-H Leaders. The meeting will be held at the Gateway Mall Community Center (formerly known as the Gateway West Mall) in the "Red" Conference Room. Please enter the Building through the Food Court and turn right and follow the signs. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am and will last for a couple of hours. Please have at least one leader attend from your club, however the more the merrier and we can accommodate a large group. We will be covering our yearly program goals and plan of work (and have some fun too!). Please RSVP with the Extension Office, 758-5553, as Karole will be bringing food and beverages.

Mandatory Meeting For Prospective Market Beef Project Members



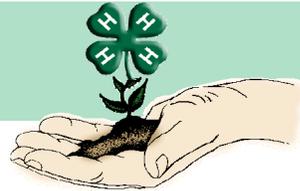
All 4-H members who are planning or considering on taking the Market Beef Project this upcoming year are required to attend a meeting on Thursday, November 4th, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Gateway Mall Community Center in the "Red Room" Conference Room (Please enter the Building through the Food Court and turn right following

the signs.) This is a mandatory meeting for 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.

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55th Annual Leader's Banquet Sowing the Seeds for Success!



We are happy to invite ALL Flathead County 4-H Leaders to the 55th Annual Leader's Banquet. Please mark your calendars for Friday, November 12th at the Stillwater Grange at 6:30 p.m.

The Stillwater Grange is located at 1810 West Reserve, Kalispell. We will be serving dinner, dessert, 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 who would like to attend to please **RSVP previous to Monday, November 8th 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.

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2010 Flathead Shooting Sports Orientation Night

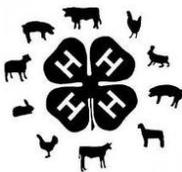
The orientation night for 2010 Flathead County Shooting Sports will be held at the Grandstand Building of the Fairgrounds, on Monday, November 15th, at 7:00 p.m. All returning members and those who are new to the program this year (you will receive a phone call if you were on the waiting list and a slot is available) should have a parent attend this meeting. Important information regarding upcoming events, fundraising, and leader's training will be covered. Questions, please call 758-5553.



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Livestock Judging Team Being Created and You Should Join!



Flathead County 4-H is working on getting a livestock judging team together and is calling on members of all ages to participate. Julie Brubaker is heading up this program and is holding the first meeting for all interested parents and members at the **Agape' House**

which is located at **40 Appleway Drive, Kalispell**. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 11th, at 5:30 p.m.** If you have any questions, please contact Julie at julie.4hmotomom@yahoo.com

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 2nd, 2010 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 09-10 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.

Gift Wrapping At Murdochs

A great way for clubs to do a little fundraising during the holiday season is to spend a day gift wrapping at Murdoch's. If your club would like to take on a shift at Murdoch's, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454 or email Chris at misscsewing@live.com Gift wrapping begins on Friday, November 26th and shifts are available every weekend up until Christmas.

Club Treasury Reports Past Due

The following clubs are required to turn in their club's treasury report as soon as possible:

A Bit of Difference
B&F Livestock
Big Mountain Bears
Glacier Stars
Happy Hooves
Kila Rangers
LaSalle Boosters
Mountain Echo
Smith Valley Boosters

Dandy Dudes and Dolls
Golden Spurs
Hilltop Riders
Lakeview Livestock
Leaping Llamas
Open Horizon's
Swan River



Colors Training is Back!

Agape' will be hosting a colors training, facilitated by Karole Sommerfield, our 4-H and Youth Development Agent on Wednesday, November 10th at the United Way Community Room from 5:30-8:30 p.m. There is a \$10 cost to attend and that will provide materials and dinner. Class participants come away with the knowledge and understanding of the four temperament types without years of study. Each user has effective tools in understanding human behavior that is easy to incorporate in every day life. By gaining insight and perspective on what motivates people, workshop graduates recognize characteristics in themselves and others to enhance their communication skills. Most importantly it helps people recognize, accept and learn to value the differences in others. If you have any questions please call Karole at 758-5553 or email Julie at Julie.4hmotomom@yahoo.com



4-H Rock Club Project Offered

The Rockchucks Rockhound Club of Flathead County is offering a 4-H Rock Club Project to interested members. This will be a condensed program of 10 weeks. Rockchuck Club members are excited to share many rockhounding interests with 4-H youth. Topics might include cutting and polishing, metal detecting, faceting, rocks of Montana, geology, and more! Kathy Martin, a former 4-H leader and Rockchuck member is looking for a teen leader(s) to help her design this project to include topics of interest to 4-H youth. If you are interested in helping Kathy or in attending this program, please email her at tkmartin@montanasky.us

4-H Livestock & Horse Committees

The next 4-H Livestock Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 2nd at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, at 5:30 pm and will wrap up before the Foundation Fall Forum begins. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, January 11th at 5:30 pm. Topics of discussion will include clinic dates and times, curriculum, etc. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

Interested in Miniature Horses? Join Happy Hooves Miniature Horse 4-H Club. Contact Kathleen Sutton 756-7760 for more information.

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. 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 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, 2010. 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.



The following members are still required to turn in their Buyer's Thank You form:

Appelt, Lane	Nelson, Julia
Braaten, Madeline	Ovnicsek, Chance
Braaten, Victoria	Ovnicsek, Cheyene
Christianson-Orem, Morgan	Perkins, Emily
Cook, Leon	Perkins, Halee
Cook, Steven	Perkins, Trey
Deardorff, Jacob Alan	Prichard, Kadin
Evenson, Jayme	Reese, Kelsey
Evenson, Tia	Roedel, Jenae
Gentry, Savannah	Sapa, Hailey
Hanson, Ashley	Siderius, Joe
Hanson, Kalle	Siderius, Reid
Hanson, Karly	Sladek, Shelby
Houston, Nicole	Smith, Skylar
Jassman, Bryden	Strouse, Lexie
Johnson, Bailey	Strouse, Lindsay
Johnson, Cody	Sutton, Gabrielle
King, Zane	Sutton, Kolbie
Krueger, Carissa	Sutton, Krystal
Lyford, Garrett	Sutton, Madeline
Malloy, Trevor	Tutvedt, Garrett
May, Lincoln	Williams, Trinity
Morris, Aaron	Wise, Walker
Morris, Danielle	Yacavone, Garrett
Murer, Mackenna	Yacavone, Pascale
Murer, Michaela	Yacavone, Vincent
Muth, Ocala	

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, 2010, then you should definitely consider filling out a trip award application. Trip Award Applications are not required to participate in these events and the application itself does not register you for any of the following, 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 25th. For more information on each event please read the following and feel free to contact the Extension Office.

Citizenship Seminar: This program will be held February 27-March 1st, 2011 in Helena, MT. The event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Only members who have not previously attended may apply. Each county is limited to two delegates. To apply for the event itself, please call the Extension Office for applications.

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. Times, locations and more information on this event will be in future newsletters.



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. Cost is \$1700 (broken into two payments). 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.

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 12th-15th) 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.

We want to CONGRATULATE Samantha Lake, Flathead's Junior Ambassador and now District 1's Vice President! Great Job Samantha!

Important Dates to Remember:



November 3rd: Project Award Interviews in Extension Office 3:30-6:00 pm.

November 4th: Mandatory Beef Project Meeting, United Way Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

November 6th: 4-H Leader's Meeting, United Way Community Center, 10:00 am.

November 11th: Livestock Judging Team Meeting, Agape' House, 5:30 p.m.

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

November 12th: Leader's Banquet, Stillwater Grange, 6:30 pm.

December 1st: All Market Livestock Thank You Forms due to the Extension Office.

December 2nd: Livestock Committee and Foundation Fall Forum, 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, 5:30 and 6:30 pm respectively.

December 3-4th: Shooting Sports Leader's Training, Fairgrounds

December 4th: 1st Steer Weigh-in 8:00-10:30 am. Fairgrounds.

December 9th: Club outlines are due in the Extension Office.

December 20th: Holiday Open House in Extension Office.

December 28th: Citizenship Washington Focus Applications due in Extension Office.



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 event 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.

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 268,756 trees have been planted and 34,229 youth have taken part in this event, and the numbers keep growing! To enter your club in this project, go to www.4milliontrees.org 4-H 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.



Flathead Teen Council Needs You!

The Flathead 4-H Teen Council is open to all 4-H members ages 13 years of age and up, and members are strongly encouraged to take part in this program. The Teen Council is lead by ambassadors Jemma Morrow and Samantha Lake and our Key Leader, Kelly Morrow. The Council participates in a variety of events and community service projects throughout the upcoming year, and have a ton of fun doing it. If this is something that interests you, please call either Jemma Morrow at 314-3403 or Samantha Lake at 253-7771. Future meeting times and dates will be announced in upcoming newsletters.

CHALLENGE: *The Country Cousins 4-H Club would like to challenge other Flathead County Clubs to participate in the Million Tree Project with them. The club applied for grant funding for future tree planting and have been awarded \$2000 for their project. Great Job Country Cousins!!!!*

Western Region Leader's Forum 2011 is in Seattle!



The 2011 4-H Western Region Leader's Forum will be held in Seattle, WA, May 7-14th. This year's theme is Cruising to 4-H Excellence. This Forum is different than those in the past. It is going to take place on M.S. Westerdam, a Holland America Line

cruise ship. You will be sailing roundtrip from Seattle to Alaska in seven days. The group will depart on Saturday, May 7th and return on May 14th. While at sea (and sometimes in port) we will have exciting keynote presentations, workshops and group events. It will feature a Murder Mystery activity, Awards Ceremony and Workshops on Wheels.

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 Austria, Botswana, Germany, Greece, Luxembourg, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and possibly Costa Rica, and Norway. Information on each program is available on the state 4-H website or by stopping by our office. Please let us know if you are interested.

Extension Office Holiday Open House

The Extension Office will be hosting a holiday open house for all of our valued clientele on Monday, December 20th, 2010 from 10:00 am– 5:00 pm.

We would love for everyone to stop by and enjoy some holiday goodies with us!

Flathead County 4-H Horse Members Do Great At State

We would like to congratulate the following members for their hard work and outstanding performance at this year's State 4-H Horse show.

Eliza Diegel-

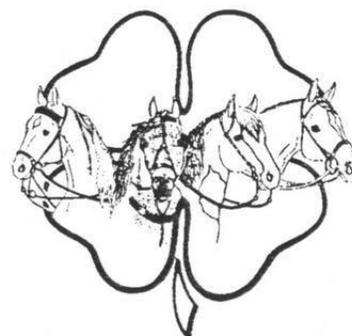
1st in Hunter Hack
3rd in English Horsemanship Level 3
4th in Western Horsemanship Level 3
6th in Showmanship Age 11-13
7th in Trail Class Age 11-13

Lilly Diegel-

5th in Western Horsemanship Level 4
8th in English Horsemanship Level 3

Andora Tutvedt

1st in 4 yr old Green Horse Level 3 English Equitation
1st in Level 3 Green Horse/Level 4 Colt to Maturity
2nd in 4 yr old Green Horse Level 3 Western Equitation
2nd in Western Equitation Age 14 and over
2nd in Level 4 Green Horse/Level 5 Colt to Maturity
2nd in Hunter Hack
3rd in 5 yr old Green Horse Level 4 Western Equitation
3rd in Trail Green Horse 3-4/Colt to Maturity 4-5
4th in English Equitation Age 14 and over
4th in 5 yr old Green Horse Level 4 English Equitation
4th in Age 15 and up freestyle reining
5th in Bareback Equitation Ages 14 and over
7th in Level 1 Green Horse/ Level 2 Colt to Maturity



A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

William Arthur Ward

The Extension Office will be Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving on both Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th. Have a wonderful holiday!

Karole Sommerfield
Flathead County 4-H/ Youth Extension Agent



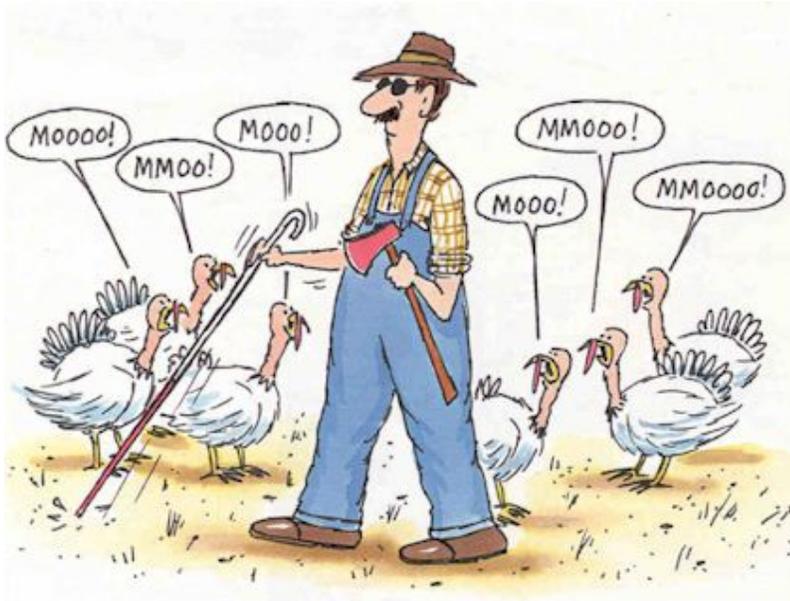
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