



At Achievement Day we took one final look back at all of last year's accomplishments and I would like to recognize all of our leaders and members for their meaningful efforts. While it is always difficult to let everyone know just how much their commitment to our 4-H program is appreciated, I hope you all realize that our program wouldn't be what it is today without your continued dedication.

At the November 4-H Council meeting we had a very productive discussion about how we can make the pre-fair record book check more efficient and consistent throughout all the clubs. A suggestion was made that we have a traveling record book committee (which would include a minimum of 3 people from each geographic area) that travels to all three locations (Whitehall, Ennis, Twin/Sheridan) to do the pre-fair check. There were five volunteers who stepped forward and offered to be part of this committee. In order for this to be successful and yield positive results, we still need volunteers from the following areas: **1 volunteer** from Ennis/McAllister/Harrison clubs; **1 volunteer** from Whitehall/Cardwell/Boulder clubs; and **2 volunteers** from Sheridan/Twin Bridges/Silver Star clubs. Please contact Jill or myself if you are interested in serving on this committee. We will then schedule a meeting to discuss the details of how the record book check will happen and give the committee members the adequate training to ensure consistency.

I also wanted to make everyone aware of a few changes the State 4-H Office has made to the record book forms. The green "My 4-H Year" form is the same as it was last year. The blue "Project & Financial Journal" is now called "Non-Animal Project & Financial Journal". The new form (orange) is the "Animal Record Journal" which is to be completed for animal projects in addition to the old orange "Animal Record" form. Please take a look at these forms at the [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) website and call the office if you have any questions.

"Judge each day not by the harvest, but by the seeds you plant" –Robert Louis Stevenson

Happy Holidays,

Andrea Sarchet  
Madison-Jefferson Extension Agent



### Important Dates

- Dec. 9...Market Quality Assurance Class, Sheridan Vo-Ag Bldg, 6 pm
- Dec. 10...Market Quality Assurance Class, Ennis location TBD, 6 pm
- Sunday, Dec. 13...Market Quality Assurance Class, Whitehall @ the Extension Office, 3 pm
- Jan. 9...Beef Tagging,  
**Horse Creek Hay & Cattle Ranch**  
in Sheridan call Jenny for directions  
842-5722 or 596-5722  
9 am— 11 am  
**Whitehall, Turner Ranch**  
1pm— 4 pm

See Calendar Of Events!

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*To anyone interested in the  
Colt to Maturity Horse Project*

Fred & Lynn Hirschy and Don Harrington have each donated a foal to the Colt to Maturity Project. The Horse Committee will award these colts to two 4-H/FFA members. The requirements to be eligible are: the members must be at least 12 years of age and have assessed or be able to assess thru Horsemanship Level 3. The member must complete an essay and answer questions pertaining to the project. You don't need to be enrolled in the horse project to apply for these foals. If you are the successful applicant you will need to enroll in the project at that time and the horse committee will help you to assess thru the appropriate level to participate in fair.

If you are interested in receiving one of these foals contact Sharmen @ 287-3151 or dblarrowlvst@aol.com

**Deadline date:**

January 15, 2010



**MARKET QUALITY ASSURANCE  
CLASS SCHEDULE**

- Wednesday, Dec. 9, in Sheridan @ the Vo-Ag building, 6 pm
- Thurs., Dec. 10, Ennis location TBD, 6 pm
- Sunday, Dec. 13, Extension Office, 3 pm

4H Council Meeting  
January 12, 2010  
7:00 pm



**BEEF TAGGIN'  
ROUNDUP**

**Saturday, Jan. 9**

**Horse Creek Hay & Cattle Co.**

2997 Hwy 287, Sheridan

9 am– 11 am

**Turner Ranch**

Whitehall

1 pm— 4 pm

Bring your...

- bill of sale
- Brand Inspection

For questions call Jenny @ 842-5722

**FYI...**

**The record book records have changed some so please take a look at them online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) before you start your records for the upcoming year.**

**Jr. Leaders Meeting & Pizza Party**

**Sunday, December 6 @ 3:00 pm  
Whitehall Senior Citizen Center**

- Bring decorations for wreath

## Madison-Jefferson 4-H Council November 10, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brenda Wilson at 7:00 p.m. on November 10, 2009. Present were Brenda Wilson, Kacey Smart, Jenny Wood, Stacy Briggs, Chief Croy, Stacy Croy, Kelly Leo, Wylie Leo, Kristen Swenson, Allison Wentzel, Leslie Cox, Kimberly Cox, Dan Busarow, Carl Farrand, Holly Davis, Andrea Sarchet & Jill Allen.

**Treasurer's Report:** Leslie read a letter from Donna Crumley that the Madison-Jefferson Council treasury records that were prepared by Jennipher Clark were audited and accurate as prepared. Kelly moved we pay 3D Trophy for Achievement Day awards (\$161) & fair awards (\$50). Leslie seconded motion. Motion passed.

**Agent's Report:** Andrea reported on District 5 events. The district will be hosting Leader's Forum 2010 in Deerlodge. A planning meeting will be November 17 @ 6 pm at Christina's in Butte. We need representative from our counties to attend District 5 meetings. Fun Day went well—attendance was great from our counties.

The Boulder area would like to create a 4-H division at the Jefferson County Fair. A meeting will be held in Boulder for anyone that is interested in helping volunteer. Time, place and date of the meeting is yet to be determined.

There will be a livestock judging contest December 12th at the Whitehall Beef Breeder's Show. Registration are due into the office Friday, November 27th. If anyone is interested in having IFYE exchange Rick Verploegen come to their club meeting to do a presentation on his trip to Botswana please call Andrea. Andrea will try to schedule him to come to the May Council meeting.

**Jr. Leaders Report:** The next meeting is December 6th at the Whitehall Senior Citizens Center at 3 pm. They will be having a pizza party and making wreaths.

### Committee Reports:

Need additional Grievance committee members: 1 adult, 2 youth (Kimberly Cox, volunteered to serve as one of the youth on the committee)

Livestock & Sales Committee: still need Vice Chair (Will hold December meeting)

Kirsten Swenson will serve as Vice Chair (volunteer)

Meeting to be scheduled some time Dec 16<sup>th</sup> or Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

Kelly Leo to confirm date and get back with committee members.

Shooting Sports: Dan: Need an archery co-chair, for fair shoot

Person would need to do most organization for the fair & spring shoot

\*Need a club to host the shoot, end of March or 1<sup>st</sup> of April

### Old Business

Record Book Review day: Discussion on June record book check

Some families felt like it was a hardship due to haying schedules, etc. (Kelly Leo)

Andrea: Consistency, of quality checks.

Would there be a record book committee travel to all locations?

Discussion on sending record books back to leaders to check: reviewed history of problems of leaders not being responsible to check member's books.

Record Book Committee: Holly Davis & Brenda & Andrea & Kelly Leo, Lori

Also discussed making record book 1<sup>st</sup> check done by club leaders then submitted to committee

### Achievement Day:

Turn-out was low, decorations good, door prizes were excellent

### New Business:

Nominations of Vice President: Stacy Croy, elected

Kelly Leo: Nominates Stacy Croy, Holly Davis to 2<sup>nd</sup>

Vote: Unanimous

Nominations for Treasurer: Leslie Cox

Nominated Leslie Cox for Treasurer BY Kelly Leo

Vote: Unanimous

Awards Chairperson: Need assistant Kacey Smart will check with Lois Tate.

### Annual Documents Review:

Madison/Jefferson Policy:

Add background check info under "Leaders Enrollment" as well as, under "leader dues", : "one time only background check"

Discussed FFA Exhibits at fair: discussed that FFA would need to approach the fair board and find their own indoor exhibit and man their own awards, etc., "the council needs to promote 4-H". FFA encouraged to exhibit in open class. (members unable to exhibit school projects)

Discussion on 4-H & FFA working together, complimenting each other.

Under "Fair Eligibility" that livestock members must take 2<sup>nd</sup> non-market project or have indoor interview..will table, & livestock committee can come up with verbage and submit at January meeting

Constitution & By Laws—Approved as read.

Project Committee—Approved as read

Grievance Policy—Approved as Read

Do need to read Grievance Committee Policy in SEPTEMBER MEETING

### Steer Tagging Date:

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 to noon at Horse Creek Hay & Cattle

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-4 at Turner Ranch

### Market Quality Classes:

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>: Sheridan, 6:00 p.m.? tentative

Dec 10<sup>th</sup>: Ennis, 6:00 p.m. ? tentative

Dec 13<sup>th</sup> Whitehall: Sunday @3:00 p.m.



Minutes submitted by: Holly Davis

## —more info—

**Note from the bank:**

There are 17 market animal checks that **HAVE NOT** been cashed. Please get these checks cashed so the bank can do the final reports.

Thank you!

**Committees that need volunteers:**

- **Rabbit Chairperson**
- **Dairy/Goat Chairperson**
- **Archery & SS co-chairperson**
- **Grievance Committee:  
1 youth & 1 adult**

**County Chairpersons Contacts...**

Council President—Brenda Wilson  
 Council Vice President—Stacy Croy  
 Council Secretary—Holly Davis  
 Council Treasurer—Leslie Cox  
 Ambassador Key Leader—Lorie Carey  
 Jr. Leaders Leader—Natalie Baumeister  
 Livestock Sales Chairperson— Kelly Leo  
 Livestock Sales Secretary—Chuck Bowey  
 Beef Chairperson—Jenny Wood  
 Swine Chairperson—Kacey Smart  
 Sheep Chairperson—Wendy McKittrick  
 Horse Chairperson—Sharmen Scafani  
 Dairy/Goat Chairperson—volunteer needed  
 Poultry Chairperson—Rita Owens  
 Rabbit Chairperson—volunteer needed  
 Dog Chairperson—Mary Martin  
 Cat Chairperson—Jody Sandru  
 Shooting Sports Chairperson—Dan Busarow  
 Family & Consumer Science Chairperson—Holly Davis  
 Mechanical Sciences Chairperson—Mary Beth Walsh  
 Plant Sciences Chairperson—Kristen Swenson  
 Leathercraft Chairperson—Wayne & Brenda Wilson  
 Photography Chairperson—Shannon Smith  
 Awards Chairperson—Lorie Carey & co-chair volunteer needed  
 Record Book Chairpersons—Lorie Carey & Kelly Leo

The Shooting Sports Committee is looking for a host club for the shooting sports tournament for the fair shoot. Please call Dan @ 287-2181.



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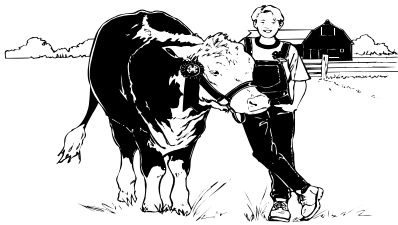
# **Come Join Us!**

## **2009 Whitehall Beef Breeders Show Downtown Whitehall Montana**

**December 12, 2009**

**Starting @ 9:00 am**

**Beef Displays**



### **4-H/FFA & Adult Livestock Judging Contest**

**Call the Extension Office for livestock judging registration info...Deadline is November 27th, 2009**

**Craft Show**

**Wreath Auction & Lots More!!!**

***Area breeders will be offering club calves, steers and heifers for the 2010 season. These calves will be halter broke and clipped!***

- Feb. 1...People Partner Grant applications due into State 4-H Office
- Jan. 12...Council Meeting, 7 p.m. Extension Office  
Turner Ranch, Whitehall...1 pm— 4 pm
- Horse Creek Hay & Cattle Co. ...9 am—11 am  
Saturday, January 9th Steer Tagging.
- Jan. 1...Happy New Year! Office will be closed.
- Dec. 24 & 25.. Merry Christmas! Office will be closed.
- SUNDAY, Dec. 13...MQA Class, Whitehall at the Extension Office, 3 pm
- Dec. 12...Whitehall Beef Breeders Show Livestock Judging Contest, Deadline to register Nov. 27th.
- Dec. 10...MQA Class, Ennis location TBD, 6 pm
- Dec. 9...MQA Class, Sheridan at the Vo-Ag room, 6 pm
- Dec. 8...Greytak calendar money due into office.
- Dec. 4 & 5...State 4-H Shooting Sports Training, Kalispell. Call the office for info.
- Dec. 3...Jefferson Co. Fair brainstorming meeting, Commission Office in Boulder, 6 pm

# Calendar of Events



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