

4-H News

Stillwater County Extension

Note from Extension

We cannot say THANK YOU enough for all the help from members, leaders, parents, and other volunteers. Fair was a great success because of all of your efforts.


Do not forget about Achievement Night on September 20th at 4:00pm. This is an opportunity for your club to showcase this past 4-H year. Awards from fair will be given out as well as certificates and special awards. Livestock pictures will also be available to pick up. The theme this year is "Play the

Game of Success with 4-H".

Hope you all had a great summer filled with wonderful memories. As you get back in the swing of things think about the upcoming 4-H year and your new goals.

Enrollment materials will be available at Achievement Night. There are a few new projects to check out and numerous opportunities available to you.

Stillwater County Extension Agents
Karen Tyra & Lee Schmelzer



Karen's Retirement Party

You should have received your invitation to attend Karen's Retirement Party in your last newsletter. The party is on **August 30th** at **4:00pm**. If you plan on attending and have not sent in a RSVP please call Kathy. Also if you would like to help with decorating we will be

meeting at the pavilion at 2:00pm on the 30th.

If you cannot attend and would like to send in a note, or recipe for Karen's scrapbook please mail them to Stillwater Extension PO Box 807 Columbus MT 59019.

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Lost & Found

If you are missing something from fair give us a call, we have lots of stuff turned in!

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Rabbits???

If you would like to do a rabbit project and need help or a rabbit, please contact 4-H Leader Terlene Keller at 328-6965.

"Play the Game of Success with 4-H"

Families, please mark September 20, 4:00 p.m. on your calendar for the Annual 4-H Achievement Program, which will be held in the Stillwater Pavilion. The Teen Leaders are working hard to organize the event.



This year as each club is called up and after the spokesperson introduces his/her club and gives a report on what the club has done for the past year, all awards will be presented to members as they stand on stage. Hopefully this will speed up the event. Best overall project awards will be awarded separately. Members and leaders as well as special awards will be recognized separately as well. So invite your relatives to experience this fun event! This year the theme is "Play the Game of Success with 4-H." Trophies not awarded at the fair and some surprise trophies and plaques will be issued at this event. Cookies and punch will be served following the event.

Checks, Enrollment Materials, Livestock Pictures

Livestock checks will be available at the Achievement Program on September 20, 4:00 p.m. Enrollment materials and premium money will also be available for each club. Also pick up your market livestock pictures.

What About the New Agent???

There were 21 applicants for the FCS Agent position. A selection committee at MSU has reviewed applications and screened



those down to a small pool of qualified candidates. Interviews should take place in early September. Hopefully the new agent will begin in October.

Trophy Donors Still Needed

WOW what a great job all the members did at fair! We are still in need of award donations. If you would like to sponsor an award the cost is \$20 per award. We still have awards needing sponsorship in the following areas: Horse, Cat, Dog, Mini Horse, Rabbit, Poultry, Quilting, Needlework, Pocket Pets, Photography, Sheep, Goats, and Swine.

Call Kathy at 322-8035 before September 10th.

Building Progress

Check out the Stillwater County News for an article and also the invitation to bid on the new fairgrounds building! Thank you to all of those that helped this project keep moving forward. We were able to raise over \$1000 at fair to help us get closer to that final goal. A special thanks to those donors : Small Family, Schott Family, Roger & Diana Haugrud, Lee Schmelzer, Gene and Georgina Clark, John & Karen Tyra, Hubbel Fencing, Circle B Bar T/ Teegardin, Richard Tebay and Stillwater Packing. **More information will be available at Achievement Night.**

Now Required : 4-H Leader Screening & Certification

The 4-H Center for Youth Development is requiring screening of all leaders this year. The 4-H Leaders Council has voted to pay the \$12 screening fee for this year only. Packets for leaders will be sent to current leaders and will also be available at Achievement Program or here at the Extension Office. Please get all the necessary paperwork into the Stillwater Extension Office, PO Box 807, Columbus 59019 as quickly as possible—preferably before the Achievement Program. Until the entire screening process is complete a leader will not be officially certified.

Please remember that these new policies are for the safety and well-being for our children.

This policy goes into effect October 1. Applicants that successfully clear the certification process and are accepted as a volunteer will receive a letter of acceptance from the Stillwater County Extension Office. Rejected volunteers will receive a letter from the 4-H Center for Youth Development.

All adults who have one-on-one contact with 4-Hers

throughout the year need to be screened and certified. Exceptions are infrequent contact persons such as guest speakers and fair judges, etc.

Once you are a certified volunteer, you will not need to go through the screening process again, as long as you do not have a break in service. Leaders will still need to pay the \$5.00 dues per year and the clubs are responsible for the \$10.00 assessment fee per leader. The complete guide, "MSU Extension Montana 4-H Volunteer Certification Policies and Procedures," is available from the Stillwater Extension Office.

Next 4-H Interstate Exchange Underway

The next county with which Stillwater County 4-H will exchange will be Somerset County, Pennsylvania, located in the southeast portion of the state. Commitment Forms plus a non-refundable \$25 must be turned into the Stillwater County Extension Office prior to Achievement Program. If we have too large a group for their group, preference will be given to older participants; then younger participants will be accepted in the order that their commitment papers are turned in. So, remember:

First come, first served!!!! If members must be cut, the \$25 fee will be refunded. Forms were handed out at the fair. If you have lost yours, please contact the Extension Office at 322-8035. **Parents, participating in the exchange is a family event and will require your time as well as your funds.** If you have questions, please give Karen a call at 322-8035.

To participate in the exchange, you must be 12 years of age before the date that you host in the summer of

2010. **In order to travel in 2011, you must complete your 4-H year and turn in your record book to your leader in August of 2010.**



First Interstate Exchange Fundraiser Meeting--Following the Achievement Program on September 20, all interstate exchange participants are asked to attend a short meeting in the pavilion so that the first fundraising information can be handed to you.



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Friends & Family Frenzy

Mark your calendars for **SEPTEMBER 12th**. You won't want to miss the 1st ever Friends & Family Frenzy.

What is the Friends & Family Frenzy?

- A fundraiser for the 4-H Fairgrounds building project
- A competition designed with every age in mind.
- An obstacle course with 6 FUN challenges.
- A team event where you can win great prizes!
- A chance to check out MILLIONS HAVE FALLEN (A great band whose members are in 4-H)
- A day to get together with friends, family, and neighbors.
- An opportunity to check out craftsmen, artisans, musicians, and vendors at the Harvest Festival
- A collaboration of organizations, volunteers, and community members to help, participate, and promote community involvement.



How can you get involved?

- Gather up friends & family to compete as a team.
- Help get donations for the building project or get prize donations.
- Help with set up, registration, take down, judge a challenge, or one of the many other areas.
- Just show up and cheer on your favorite team.

Call Kathy at 322-8035
or 696-0981

See insert in this newsletter for details.