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Welcome 4-H Horse and Livestock Leaders,

We are very pleased to host this statewide Leaders' Forum in Gallatin County for a second consecutive year. The excitement and appreciation shown by last year's attendees provided our planning committee with the enthusiasm to do it again. But the question on everyone's mind was, "How are we going to top last year?" Well, I think you would agree that the folks planning this Forum have found a way to make this event new, fresh, and unique unto itself. To shake things up, we have added disciplines in livestock, new courses for the horse enthusiast, and, of course, our headliner, Buck Brannaman. Even with our dozens of quality presenters and workshops we still feel Montana 4-H leaders will learn just as much from one another and have allowed time for conversation and interaction. So, please plan to share, learn, and socialize as we exchange ideas and teaching methods for the benefit of young people throughout Montana.

Again, welcome and thank you for attending this special event.

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Montana 4-H requires that animals be handles in a proper and ethical manner in accordance with modern scientific animal husbandry practices. In addition, adequate care, including watering, feeding and comfort should be appropriately provided to all animals.

4-H members, parents and leaders have a serious responsibility to follow animal health practices that are approved by the industry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assure that meat customers are receiving wholesome and safe food . Health aids and other approved products should be used with care, according to prescribed practices, only when needed and in the correct amounts.

Montana 4-H requires that market animals meet all the Food and Drug Administration regulations governing management and safety practices. Approved withdrawal times from health aids and growth stimulants must be followed.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Ranch Horse Team Penning and Working Cow Horse and Cattle Sorting: Rod Cline, veteran horseman, cattleman and owner of Circle L Arena in Belgrade, will work with six riders enrolled in the Gallatin County 4-H Ranch Horse Project on the fundamentals of reading cattle and working them out of the herd, touching on pressure points. Cattle will be worked on foot and then on horseback, with emphasis on penning cattle, not running or chasing cattle. Luann Goodyear, 4-H Horse Project Coordinator from Larimer County, Colorado, will introduce cattle sorting as quiet, walk/trot ranch work using snaffle bits and open reins. She'll discuss flight zones and pushing off the hip or eye as her six 4-H riders individually sort cattle and drive them over a line. There is a three-minute time limit, but emphasis will be on good style horsemanship and on how riders maneuver their horses. She'll discuss how cattle sorting has different applications than team penning.

Colt to Maturity: Don & Michelle Hecht offer a program to give leaders insights into the benefits of this project, as well as common pitfalls to avoid. Learn how several counties support and regulate activities related to this project. There will be time for a short question and answer session.

Starting a 4-H Swine Project: Dr. Wayne Gipp, Extension Swine Specialist at Montana State University, will delve into the basics of quality swine production in the areas of care, housing, and disease prevention as well as touching on swine showmanship. Participants will also learn to determine appropriate amino acid levels to promote lean pork and some management techniques used to breed proper genetics into their swine project.

Show Clothing on a Budget: The hobby of showing horses is an expensive one. This class is designed to take the worry out of "buying" show clothing by demonstrating simple and realistic ways to look like a "million" with as little money put out as possible. Joey Lynn Henry will discuss Showmanship, Western, and English clothing as well as what is appropriate to wear in different situations.

Common Health Problems with all Livestock Projects: Dr. Bruce Sorensen will address health issues in livestock that commonly occur in 4-H projects. Participants will learn what to watch for, tips for prevention, and how to treat illness as well as nutritional needs and proper care for market and breeding projects.

How & Why the Green Horse Project Came into Being: The State 4-H Horse Committee will explain how and why the Green Horse project is different from all other projects. They will discuss common interpretations and misconceptions surrounding the project and how it may or may not fit into the State 4-H Show. There will be time for a short question and answer session.

Livestock Selection for a Successful 4-H Project: The hardest part of any livestock project is picking out that baby animal that should grow into a Champion. Marc King will discuss the priorities when selecting that project animal. Come loaded with questions as this will be very interactive.

Utilizing Your Junior Leaders and Ambassadors: Randie Adams, teen representative on the Gallatin County 4-H Horse Committee, will help answer the following: Do you have older kids in your horse program that are getting a little bored with basic horsemanship and rail work? Here are some ideas of putting them to work for you, taking away some of the pressures of filling your horse schedule, and letting the older members plan and lead workshops of their own.

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Freestyle Reining: Reining maneuvers originated from the moves that a cow horse must use in the performance of its duties and have been refined to the high level of competition existing today. Freestyle Reining not only provides the opportunity to use these maneuvers creatively, but also to expand them to music by means of choreography. Much like a long program in a figure skating competition, freestyle is judged based on its technical and artistic merits. George Stone will cover the requirements, maneuver quality, and artistic choreography necessary for a great freestyle program. Videos of top-level competitors will be shown and discussed.

Start a Horse or Livestock Judging Team in Your County: Mike Cavey & Marc King will have tips for leaders that don't feel comfortable in coaching judging teams, but have members that want to judge either livestock or horses. Answers to the following questions: How to begin - What materials and information are readily available - Who to call for help - Schedules and available competition.

National Animal Identification for Tracking Livestock & Horses: Dr. John Paterson will introduce the many methods of tracking livestock and horses through brands, electronic chips, retinal eye scanners, and DNA. Emphasis will be placed on why animals should be voluntarily tracked and the benefits to the producer and consumer in the areas of food safety and disease transmission. The electronic tracking system trailer will be on site for a tour and demonstration.

Academic Opportunities and Careers with Horses: There is a wide variety of careers in the horse industry. Some involve working directly with horses, whereas others deal with goods and services needed by the horse industry. While some positions expect only general knowledge, many careers require extensive knowledge and practical experience with horses. In this forum, Dr. John Xanthopoulos, who started the equine program at the University of Montana-Western, will discuss and explore career opportunities, university and college two-year Associate degree, and four-year Bachelor of Science degree programs that prepare students for rewarding careers in the equine industry.

Assessments – "Level With Me": In this workshop Wes & Dixie Osborne will show level assessments from a different perspective. It can help to make evaluations a more positive experience for leaders and members. They will cover the requirements for each level and how to prepare 4-H members to successfully complete their assessments. The workshop will give leaders more productive ways to get through an assessment.

Buck Brannaman Horsemanship Clinic: It seems very apropos that renowned horseman clinician and author Buck Brannaman will have his 12-year old daughter Reata assist him with this 4-H clinic. Reata and her pony will demonstrate groundwork and other horsemanship skills Buck has taught her. Buck will then proceed through training progressions from halter, to snaffle, hackamore, two rein, and bridle horse. He'll answer questions and visit about material in the 4-H manuals. In the second segment of this clinic, Buck will conduct a horsemanship session with five or six young Gallatin County 4-H riders. Focus will be on getting their horses soft, getting them to bend and do basic horsemanship maneuvers.

Horses, Kids and Ethics: A look at a film on ethics in the 4-H Horse program, followed by a discussion, and question and answer session for parents and leaders. There will also be sample situations where you can decide whether they are ethical or unethical.

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Sheep Project Essentials: Jim Moore will provide an overview of the 4-H sheep project for both new 4-H members and old. Topics will include care, housing, feed, finishing, and the time commitment required for the project. The observation and care of health problems will also be covered, as will ways to measure the progress of your lambs.

Starting a Successful Riding Helmet Program: Carrie Hotzel, past president of the Gallatin County 4-H Horse committee and a 4-H leader for 7 years, teaches how to start and maintain a riding helmet program in your county. She will do a presentation on why helmets are important and how they help prevent head trauma. We will discuss how to get discounts or maybe free helmets and how to fit helmets. We will show the short video, *Every Time, Every Ride*.

Designing County Horse Camps: For the past five years, Carbon County 4-H has held a county 4-H horse camp for three days each summer. In this workshop participants will learn tips on topics, making camp new every year, operating under a very low budget, planning for different skill levels and ages of the campers, incorporating other aspects of 4-H like Rec. Lab, and scheduling top notch clinicians. There will be a power point presentation and hands-on activities.

Backcountry Equine First Aid – Prevention, Triage and Treatment: Dr. Peter Heidmann, principle veterinarian at Montana Equine Associates, will discuss the essentials of backcountry first aid, including treatment of mild and severe equine medical problems encountered in the backcountry, including lameness, lacerations and colic. He will outline the necessary components of an equine first aid kit and will answer questions regarding optimum triage of these and other equine emergencies.

Educational Horseless Horse Activities: The Canadian delegation will demonstrate Stick Horse Games. Learn techniques using stick horses to teach horseless horse project members the basics of horsemanship in a fun and educational way.

Poultry and Avian Flu: Though there has never been an outbreak of the high pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza strain here in the US, it is important to know the facts about the virus. After participating in this presentation you will have better understanding of the status, concerns, and prevention of the H5N1 strain. You will also learn about modern poultry production and biosecurity. Additionally you will learn about how to better educate youth about poultry and backyard biosecurity, and the paths they can take in relation to the poultry industry.

An Overview of the MSU Horsemanship School &Equine Opportunities at Montana State University: MSU's Equine Program is rapidly growing and with that growth comes more opportunities not only for college students, but for some non-traditional students as well. An outreach prospect for youth and adults is MSU's Youth Horsemanship School, a five day fun-filled learning experience with lots of riding time and many more hands on "horsy" learning ventures. This school is horsemanship based which follows along closely with 4-H goals and ideals. Many parents and leaders come to enjoy watching the kids learn in an enjoyable environment and to learn themselves through participation and captivation. MSU has other programs as well, for students of all ages with whatever kind of horse interests imaginable. So come and join the in the rapture as I take you on a trip of MSU's Equine opportunities.

Fit, Form and Function of Bits: Joani Kissock, member of the Montana State University Equine Advisory Committee and State 4-H Horse Event committee and past board member of the Montana Quarter Horse Association and Montana State Horse Show Association will discuss differences in bit designs, their function and pressure points; how to measure a horse's mouth for optimum bit fit; what bits are legal; and how to select a bit that suits the horse, type of riding and the rider.

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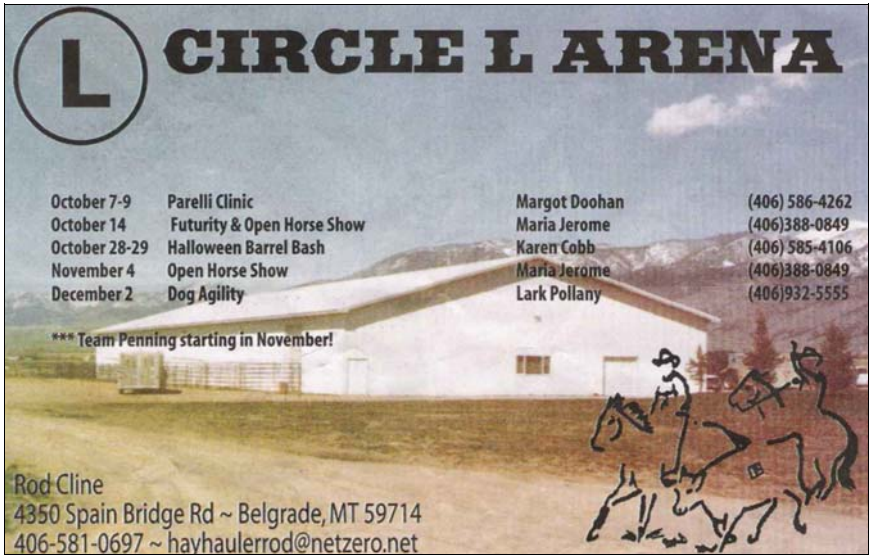

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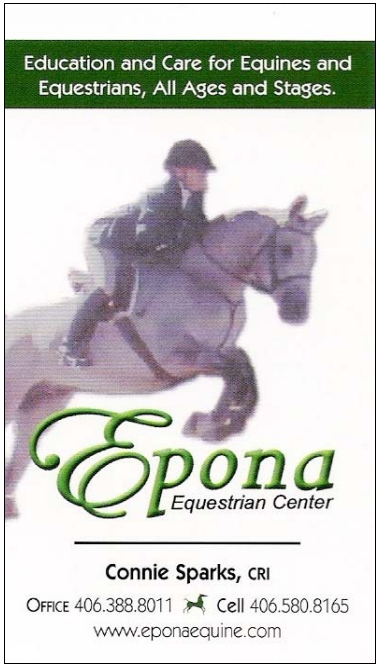
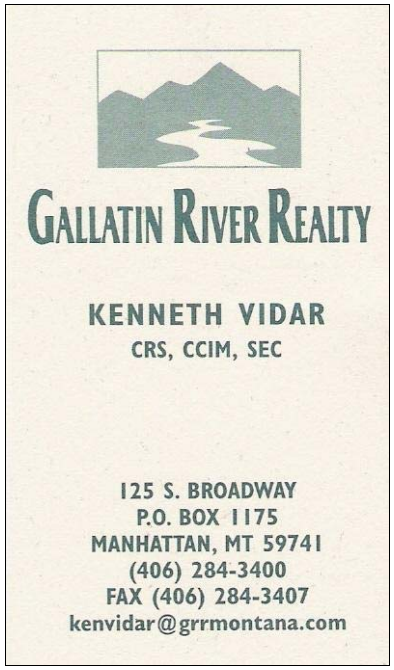
Utilizing Livestock Manuals to Enhance Your Project: The 'Blankety-Blank" 4-H Livestock Manuals : A look at how and why the 4HCCS Livestock Manuals were developed and why they don't always fit comfortably with leaders and members. Learn how to understand them and more effectively use the manuals. There will be tips for leaders.

Fun Teaching Aids for the Horse Leader: Wes & Dixie Osborne will have many fun, kid-friendly ideas to help indoor and arena horse project meetings. Learn new and different methods to have safe and productive arena practice. Discover interactive ways for the horse leader to teach basic horsemanship skills.

Educational Games in the Beef Project: Similar to last years horseless presentation, the Canadian delegation will introduce games in the beef project that will teach present beef information in a way that gets all youth involved in the fun and learning.





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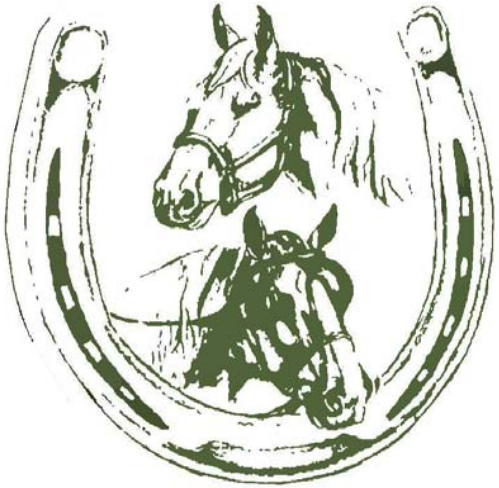

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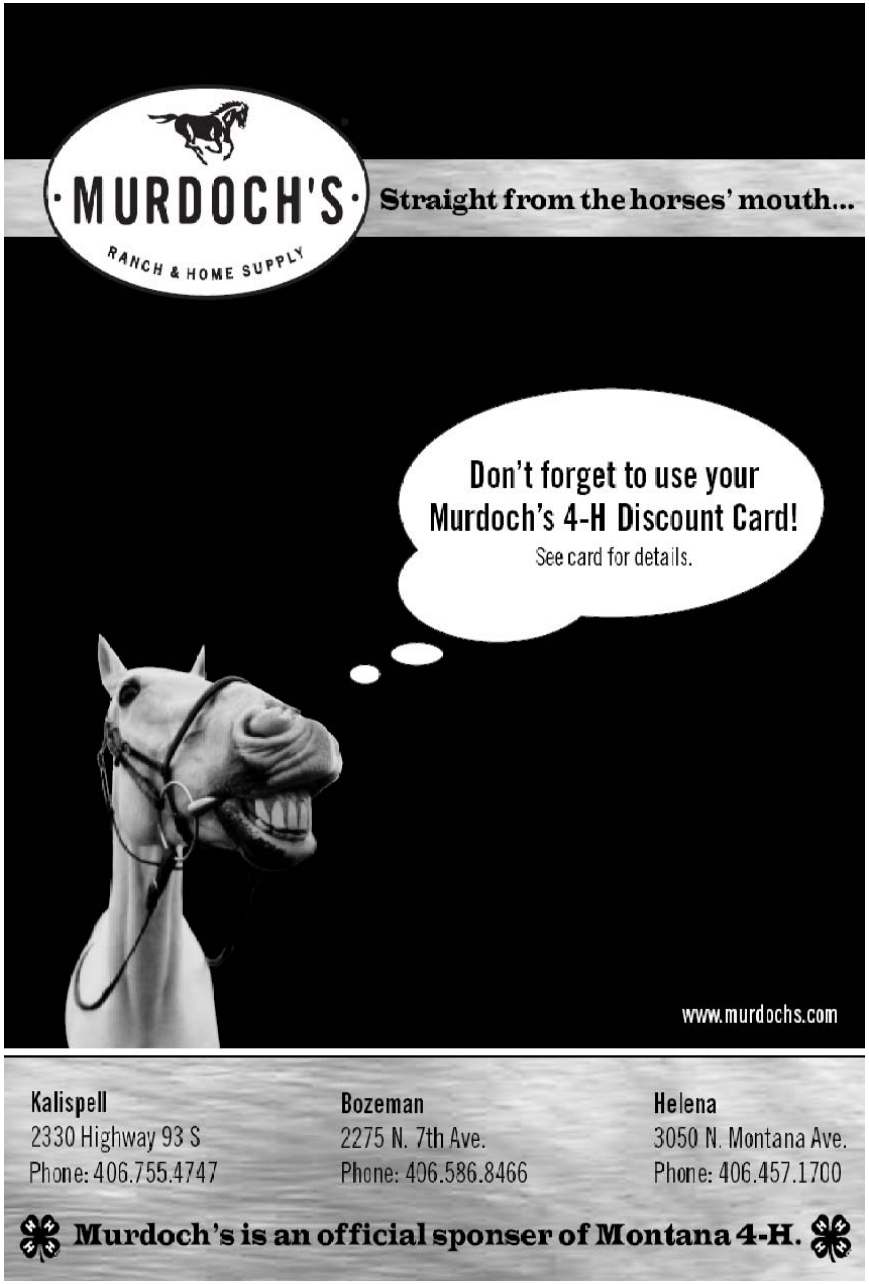

SCHEDULE

Friday, December 8th

3:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Registration at Bozeman Holiday Inn

5:00 – 6:15 p.m. - Beef & Beans Chuckwagon Dinner at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. - Ranch Horse Workshop

Saturday, December 9th

7:00 a.m. – Muffin & Coffee at Holiday Inn sponsored by the Forum

Workshops (one per time slot)

8:00 - 9:15 a.m. -
* Colt to Maturity
* Starting a 4-H Swine Project
* Show Clothing on a Budget
* Common Health Problems with all Livestock Projects

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. -
* Green Horse
* Livestock Selection for a Successful 4-H Project
* Utilizing Your Junior Leaders and Ambassadors
* Freestyle Reining

11:00 - 12:15 p.m. -
* Horse & Livestock Judging
* National Animal Identification for Tracking Livestock & Horses
* Academic Opportunities that Lead to Careers with Horses
* Assessments

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch provided at Holiday Inn

1:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Buck Brannaman Clinic

5:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Free Time and dinner on your own

7:30 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, Silent Auction and Share Fair at the Holiday Inn

SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 10th

7:00 a.m. - Muffin & Coffee at Holiday Inn sponsored by the Forum

Workshops (one per time slot)

8:00 - 9:15 a.m. -
* Ethics
* Sheep Project Essentials
* Starting a Successful Riding Helmet Program
* Designing County Horse Camps

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. -
* Backcountry Equine First Aid: Prevention, Triage and Treatment
* Educational Horseless Horse Activities
* Poultry and Avian Flu
* An Overview of the MSU Horsemanship School

11:00 - 12:15 p.m.
* Fit, Form and Function of Bits
* Utilizing Livestock Manuals to Enhance Your Project
* Training Aids
* Educational Games in the Beef Project

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Presenter Bios

Buck Brannaman has started over 10,000 young horses in his clinics over the past twenty years. He considers himself a *horse gentler*, not a *horse breaker.* He served as advisor on the set of Robert Redford's movie *The Horse Whisperer.* In fact, the main character in this movie was based largely on him. Buck is also a lifelong trick roper who performed around the world as a youngster. He is the author of the following: *Believe, A Horseman's Journey* (2004), *The Faraway Horses: The adventures and wisdom of one of America's most renowned horsemen* (2001 with William Reynolds), *Ranch Roping with Buck Brannaman: A practical guide to traditional roping* (2000), and *Groundwork: The first impression* (1997). Buck was recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from Montana State University in 2006. He lives with his wife, Mary, and their three daughters on the family ranch in Sheridan, Wyoming.

Randie Adams has been a Gallatin County 4-H member for most of her life. She has served as a Gallatin County Junior Ambassador and Senior Ambassador and again is currently a member of the State Ambassador Team. She is a teen representative on the Gallatin County 4-H Horse Committee and participates in the Western, English, Green Horse, Ranch Horse, and Colt to Maturity projects. She is a Bozeman High School student and Level 5 rider.

Canadian Delegation: The Alberta 4-H folks are back and their delegation is made up of both staff and volunteers. Each is involved in the horse and/or livestock projects. There shared experience in developing and carrying forth Canadian 4-H Leaders' Forums is always informative, valuable, and insightful.

Sandi Campbell is from Joliet and has been a Carbon County 4-H leader in Horse and Leathercraft for 27 years. She has served as a horse committee member throughout her time with 4-H and has been the horse superintendent for the fair for the past 10 years. Sandi has been a horse enthusiast since childhood and has helped orchestrate all five county horse camps. She is Montana's 4-H Tribute to Excellence Award winner this year and is nominated for the Western Regional Award for her extensive volunteer work.

Mike Cavey has been a State 4-H Specialist for the past 19 years. His responsibilities have included the 4-H horse project and the administration of the Montana 4-H Horse committee. He is a veteran of many horse leaders forums as well as state horse shows.

Rod Cline is the owner of the Circle L Arena in Belgrade, MT. He works closely with the Gallatin County 4-H Ranch Horse Project. Having grown up ranching in Montana, he comes by his abilities naturally when teaching kids about team penning and cattle work. Rod started team penning about 7 years ago and has revived the sport in Gallatin County in the last several years.

Dr. Wayne Gipp is the Extension Swine Specialist at Montana State University. His primary duties include teaching and working with the commercial feed industry. He earned his degrees in swine production and management at Cornell University and Purdue University and previously taught at Arizona State University. He currently focuses on quality pork production at an economic level using genetic, nutrition, and sound management.

LuAnn Goodyear is 4-H Horse Project Coordinator for Larimer County, Colorado, and is organizer and horse leader for her own 22 member 4-H Club, the Owl Canyon Vaqueros. She owns and operates the Last Resort Equestrian Center in Fort Collins. LuAnn took her first riding lessons at age seven from the acclaimed Dr. Al Richardson at Colorado State University. She says she got lucky enough to have a difficult horse in 1993, which gave her the opportunity to meet Buck Brannaman. She has ridden with Buck every year since then and has been one of his Colorado sponsors since 1996.

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Don & Michelle Hecht have a combined 4-H experience of 17 years. Michelle is an elementary teacher and Don is a doctor of chiropractic in Lewistown. They have had all four of their children enrolled in 4-H and are the leaders of a large 4-H horse club of 28 members in Fergus county. Their children have been very successful in the C2M project.

Dr. Peter Heidmann is an equine-only veterinarian and internal medicine specialist. He completed five years of advanced training in equine medicine and surgery following graduation from veterinary school. He is board certified in equine internal medicine, and is the principle veterinarian at the Montana Equine specialty clinic and surgical center in Belgrade. The team of veterinarians at Montana Equine exclusively treats horses and mule using some of the most advanced equipment and techniques available anywhere. The entire team is dedicated to serving the need of horses and owners, and shares the belief that prevention is always better than cure.

Joey Lynn Henry has been involved in the 4-H program since 1979, first as a member in Yellowstone County, and then as a leader and judging coach in Wyoming and Montana. During the years she was showing horses in the Montana 4-H Horse Program, she won 10 Montana State 4-H Championships as well as many AQHA achievements. Joey attended college in Powell, Wyoming, and graduated with a degree in Equine Science. She was a member of the Northwest College Judging Team and was the High Point Individual scorer at the AQHA World Show Judging contest in 1991. Joey and family now breed, train, and show their own horses as well as a limited number of outside horses.

Carrie Hotzel has been involved with horses all her life and a 4-H leader for 7 years. She has served as president of the Gallatin County 4-H Horse committee and the 4-H council, been involved in fundraising, and has been instrumental in getting the helmet project started here in Gallatin County.

Marc King grew up on a small ranch in Helena, Montana and was a ten year 4-H member that showed all livestock projects. Marc attended college at Montana State University and received a Masters Degree from Oklahoma State University in Feedlot Nutrition. He has worked for Continental Grain in the feedlot division for two years before moving back to Montana. Marc has also been a County Extension Agent for the past 13 years and the MSU Livestock Judging Team Coach for the past five years.

Joani Kissock and her husband, Jim**,** own and operate Kissock Horse Center, a lessons, boarding, training, and youth horse camp facility in Butte. She is a clinician, judge, trainer, coach, and certified instructor whose horses and students have shown at state, national, Canadian national, and world competitions. Joani has served on the boards of the Montana Quarter Horse Association, Montana State Horse Show Association, and the State 4-H Horse Events Committee, and she is a member of the Montana State University Equine Advisory Committee.

Beau McLean grew up on a cattle ranch at Willow Creek in southwest Montana. He started raising poultry when he was four, and developed a business selling eggs when he was seven. His interest in poultry stems from being a 4-H member here in Montana, and later a poultry leader. In 2003 he traveled to Australia to learn new ideas in raising poultry and more recently in the spring of 2006 to Hawaii for the Pacific Egg and Poultry Association's annual conference. He attends Oregon State University in Corvallis studying poultry science. Beau is currently the District 9 Director for the National Call Breeders of America, one of the largest special breed poultry clubs in the nation, and is a past vice president of the Montana Poultry Fanciers Association. Recently the Oregon Department of Agriculture hired Beau as an Animal Health Technician where he tests birds for Avian Influenza in upland gamebird flocks throughout Oregon.

Presenter Bios (continued)

Jim Moore is the MSU Regional Sheep Institute Agent. Jim has been involved in the sheep industry since his youth and served as MSU Extension agent in Judith Basin County for the 10 years. He is currently working to determine how effectively sheep can be used in controlling noxious weeds. He also teaches sheep production workshops throughout the state and is an instructor at several sheep shearing schools. Jim's office is located in the MSU Central Ag Research Center at Moccasin, Montana.

Wes & Dixie Osborne have been 4-H horse leaders in Yellowstone County for the past twenty years. They have 2 sons who have gone through 4-H Levels 1-7. They are active leaders with the Shepherd Pioneers 4-H club, which has up to 20 horse project members each year. The Osborne family has bred, raised, trained and shown Quarter Horses since 1982. They have hosted colt and horsemanship clinics, skillathon, hippology and horse judging workshops as well as monthly horse project meetings.

Dr. John Paterson has served as the Extension Beef Specialist at Montana State University since 1996. He is also the director of the Montana Beef Network, which focuses on Beef Quality Assurance by assisting ranchers in understanding quality beef production based on carcass data and certifying cattle for feedlots. He earned his degrees in animal science at the University of Nebraska and was previously the Extension Beef Specialist for the University of Missouri.

Andi Shockley is the Equitation Manager at Montana State University, which in English means that she teaches the Western & English horseback riding classes and manages the horse herd at MSU. Andi is a "lifer" in 4-H and currently helps the state office with some Equine related outreach and education. Some of you in the Horse World may know her as PETE's owner or "that girl who rides the draft horse". Andi received her associate degree in Equine Studies from Northwest College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Biotechnology from MSU and a Masters in Agricultural Education from MSU.

Dr Bruce Sorensen began his career as a veterinarian in 1979 after graduating from the Washington State University College of Veterinary Medicine. He has specialized in beef cattle reproduction, but also works with most livestock and some small animals. His grown children were involved in 4-H for many years and Dr. Sorensen has remained a 4-H leader in Gallatin County as well as a invaluable resource to the program.

George Stone has been riding, showing and training his own reining horses since the early 1900s. He has been blessed with a couple of great mares that have made him very successful in local, regional and national competitions, twice having qualified for the National Freestyle finals in both Non-Pro and Open competition. As a National Reining Association judge, he brings the dual perspective of competitor and judge to this forum.

Dr. John Xanthopoulos, Professor and Chair of the Department of Education at the University of Montana-Western, started the equine program at the University of Montana-Western in 2001. He has been head coach of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association UMW Equestrian Team since the program's inception and initiated the team's membership in the Intercollegiate Dressage Association in 2005. He has been a member of the Board of Directors if IHSA since 1973 and has been a U.S. Equestrian Federation judge in Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunters since 1981. Dr. Xanthopoulos is also founder/member of the annual USEF-rated UMW horse shows in Dillon and the USEF-rated Professional Horsemen's Association hunter/jumper horse shows. He has represented the Montana Hunter Jumper Association to the U.S. Hunter Jumper Association since 2005.

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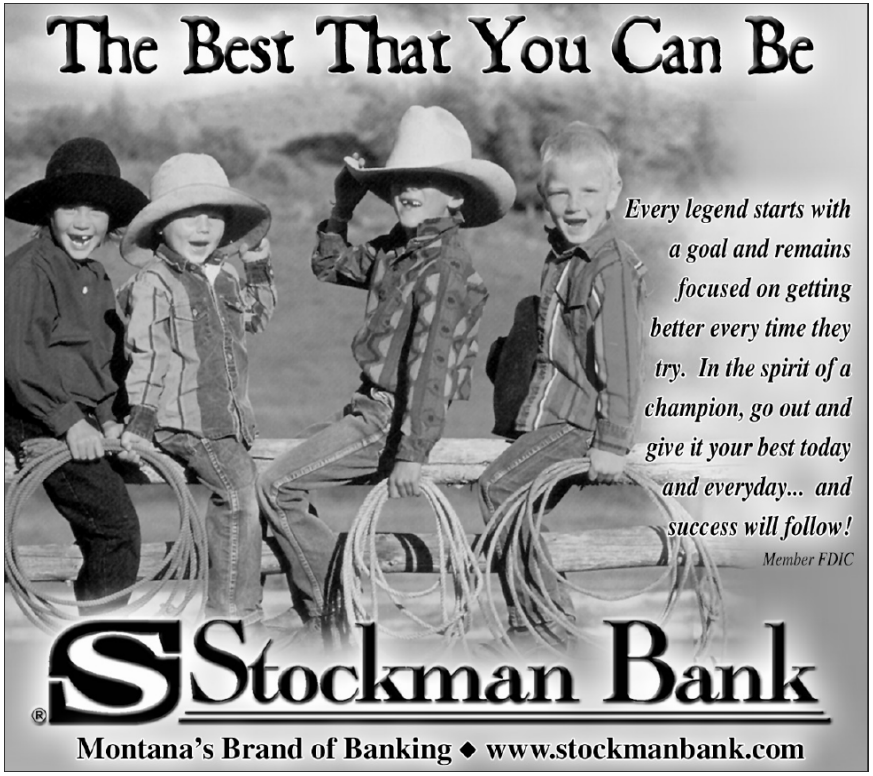

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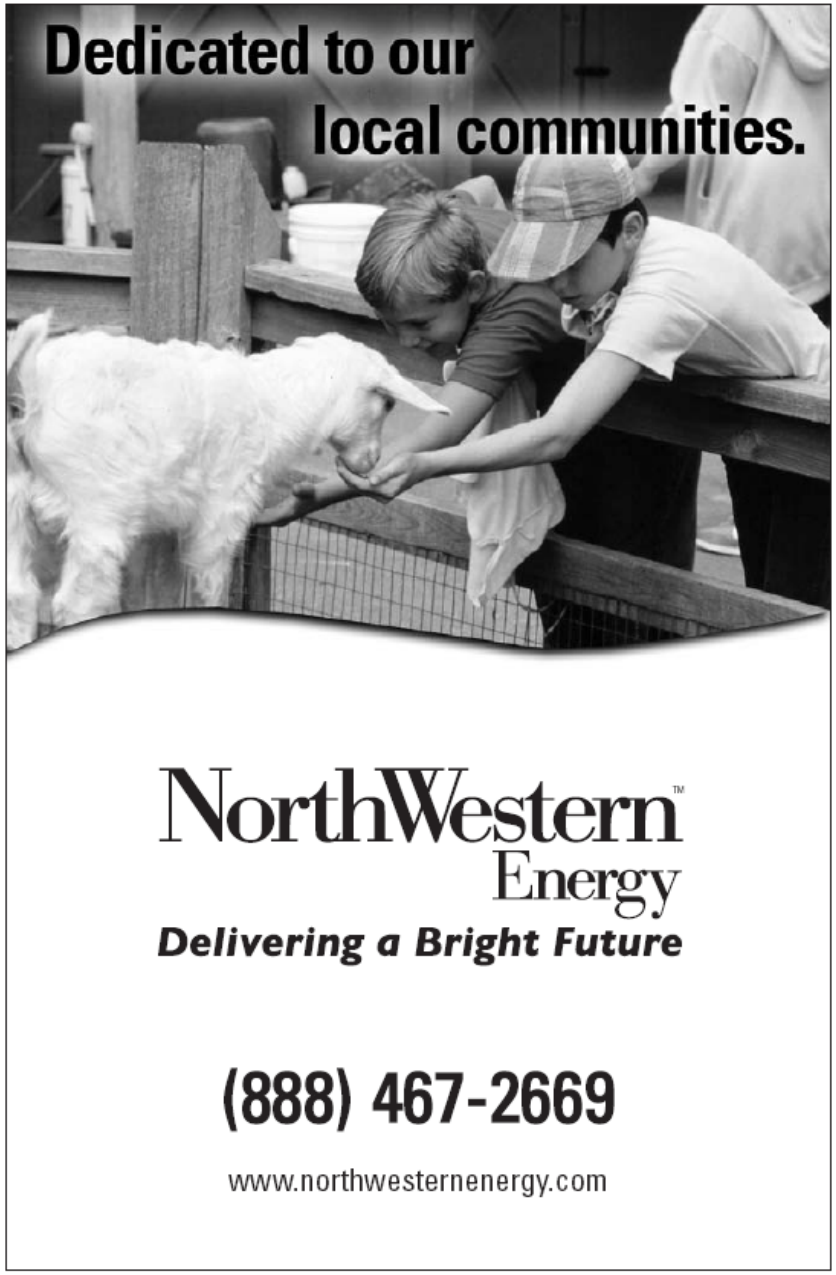

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