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Montana 4-H Foundation

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Harvest Dinner

Whether playing the "Heads or Tails" game, listening to great speakers, being entertained by emcees and auctioneers Tater Erickson and Wayne Lower, enjoying a quality prime rib dinner by Outback Steakhouse, or just mingling with friends, 150 attended this year's MT 4-H Harvest Dinner, held at the Broken Hart Ranch on Nov. 11. This 4-H Fundraising event is scheduled for Friday night of Ag Appreciation weekend each November. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun!



Event party-goers participate in the 'Heads or Tails' game.

Mary and Paul Descheemaker



above: Youth speaker Martin Fulbright demonstrates how to fold the American flag.

left: Speaker Gary Bishop, Major, U.S. Army, retired

Montana 4-H Congress

Montana 4-H Congress was held on campus at MSU-Bozeman July 12-16. Over 376 participants partook in leadership development activities, skill building workshops, and state contest competitions. Youth contests included:

- public speaking
- gavel games
- livestock judging
- demonstrations/illustrated talks
- horse judging
- fashion review
- quilting
- horse skill-a-thon
- stir-ups
- career communications
- video



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Estate Planning Tools



I had lunch with a good friend the other day. We get together about four times a year and usually fight over who picks up the tab. I will call him "Burt" although that isn't his real name. Burt and I go back about 25 years. He has been a friend and donor and supporter of all agriculture-related activities we have mutually been involved in for what seems like forever. Burt is of the era (75+ years) where he reads the paper over breakfast instead of visiting with his wife. Recently health issues have started to become a part of conversations with his friends and relatives.

I challenge him to put that paper down and visit with his wife over the pancakes. I also bug him about getting his will written for the sake of his family. He says he is working on it, but he is so busy in other areas of his life, that he keeps putting it off. I told him I had just attended a great workshop on estate planning by Marsha Goetting, MSU Extension Specialist in Family Economics. Her examples of families who failed to write a will were fresh on my mind. I said I would shoot him an email with a few links from Marsha's estate planning site. Burt is a reader and is smarter about business and finances than I'll ever be. However he needs some tools that will help him finish the process. I sent Burt the link to Marsha's estate planning Montguides: <http://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/eppublications.html>, or www.montana.edu/estateplanning.

The publications are free to the public, (think of them as your taxpayer dollars at work) short and easy to read, and you can always follow up with any questions you might have.

I know the following are very good, and might be a great place to start:

- *Dying Without a Will in Montana: Who Receives Your Property?* (MT198908HR)
- *Estate Planning in Montana: Getting Started.* (MT199508HR)
- *Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate? Transferring Non-Titled Property.* (MT199701HR)
- *Designating Beneficiaries through Contractual Arrangements.* (MT199901HR) (2009)

It is also very interesting to read about trusts, wills, probate, powers of attorney, transferring property, etc.

I hope everyone will help spread the word to others you know in Montana who don't have a will or estate plan (7 out of 10 Montanans are in that boat!). It might help get them started to have some of the facts. Note that other states' laws might vary, but again, it would give folks the right questions to ask.

Holiday greetings to all alumni and friends in the Montana 4-H family. I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year ahead!!

I would recommend Marsha's MontGuides to anyone needing to prepare a will, or make an estate plan. They are truly excellent! As for Burt, if you are reading this, you know who you are. I will see you in the New Year and I think it is my turn to buy.

With Warmest Regards,

Sandra Germann,
Executive Director

Please consider including the Montana 4-H Foundation (EIN#23-7051460) in your will or estate plan and talk to your accountant about benefiting from the Montana Endowment Tax Credit.

2016 Scholarship Recipients



With an addition of a new \$500 scholarship endowed by First Security Bank, the 2016 scholarships options grows to 33 scholarships worth \$30,150! Thank you to all of our 4-H Scholarship donors!



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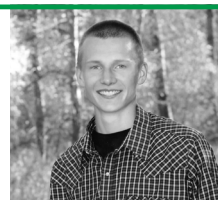
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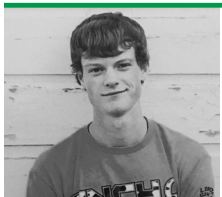
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Statewide volunteers honored

On October 1, 2016, two new members were inducted into the Montana 4-H Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame award is given to individuals who have significantly helped generate opportunities for 4-H youth by raising funds, gifting, volunteering, and offering community support at the county or state level.

Dave Phillips began his lengthy 4-H career as a youth in Powder River County, and after serving in the military, he made his way to Fergus County, where he served as the Ag Agent for over 20 years. Phillips ended his distinguished career as the Central Region Director for MSU Extension before retiring. Phillips has devoted much of his time to volunteer roles for county, regional, and state 4-H events and activities. Along the way, he has had an incredible impact on 4-H youth, and has been a positive role model to 4-Hers during and beyond their time as members.

Darold Brown of Baker, was also inducted into the Montana 4-H Hall of Fame. Brown is recognized for his willingness to help out in the community, and he has been an important part of the Southeastern Montana 4-H Camp for over 30 years. He has volunteered his time, knowledge, and resources to help make 4-H Camp memorable.

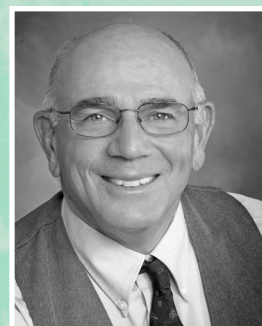
Through rappelling, Darold has helped hundreds of children experience a feeling of accomplishment and increased confidence. He has the ability to provide encouragement in a unique way based on the individual's personality that allows them to face their fears, and is the first to congratulate the youth when they have reached the bottom.

Also honored at the State 4-H Leadership Forum was **Susan Knedler**, recipient of the Outstanding Alumni Award. This award recognizes 4-H Alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting, and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area.

Susan grew up in Choteau County, where she was able to cultivate her leadership skills as a 10 year 4-H member. To this day, Susan has maintained an active role in 4-H and she has judged at local 4-H competitions, supported the 4-H Exchange Group, and shared her love of 4-H with younger generations.

Others honored but not pictured: Outstanding Lifetime Volunteers, *Karen McLeod* of Lake County, and *Lola Brogger* of Gallatin County; Volunteer of the Year, *Merle Farrier* of Gallatin County; and Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer, *Kristy Shannon* of Prairie County.

"It is an honor to recognize these great 4-H contributors. Like hundreds of others who are deserving across the state, the hard work and dedication of 4-H alumni and volunteers is what makes 4-H the great organization it is for over 18,000 Montana youth," says Sandra Germann, Executive Director, Montana 4-H Foundation.



Dave Phillips,
Hall of Fame recipient



Susan Knedler,
Outstanding Alumni Award

Darold Brown (left) receives his plaque from Montana 4-H Foundation directors Henry Smith, Ambassador Officer, Jordan Stilson, and Sandra Germann, Executive Director



Leadership Forum

MT 4-H Leadership Forum was held Sept 30-Oct 2 in Lewistown. One hundred sixty-six people attended, honing their skills in 50 offered leadership building and project training workshops. Tracks included workshops focused on Livestock, Youth, Outdoor Living, Family and Consumer Sciences and Visual Arts, General, Teen, and STEM. Nine pre-conference local tours were also offered, with 104 attending.



Special speaker and “Survivor” TV series finalist Holly Hoffman is pictured with volunteers Pat Stackhouse and Martha Klaumann.



The ‘Painted Horsepower’ workshop taught volunteers equine anatomy through hands-on learning by drawing on a live horse!



40 participants attended the Shooting Sports training held in conjunction with the Leadership Forum event.



Retired MSU Extension Soils Specialist, Dr Earl Peace, gives vintage MSU license plates to current director, Dr Jeff Bader.

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- **Phonathon:** Spring 2017. Collegiate students may be calling you!
- **Montana Western Heritage Shoot:** June 2017
- **Montana 4-H Congress:** Wednesday July 12-Saturday, July 15, MSU-Bozeman, includes MT 4-H Foundation Annual meeting.
- **Harvest Dinner:** November 2017, in conjunction with MSU Ag Appreciation Weekend





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- ♦ Northern Broadcasting – Prepared Speech Winner
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