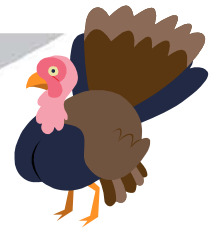




# Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter



**November  
2015**

Updated!

## Council

I would like to welcome everyone in as we get started on the new year. I however have heard a rumor of concerns about my leadership as the council president. I would offer to any of you the chance to call or email me and visit with me in person if you are concerned. I am very much committed to the youth of this program and will continue to be committed to the youth. After all this is a youth program and anything that we can do to ensure a better program should be listened to. I can tell you that I would expect all members to attend the different committee meetings and participate in those meetings. I will also ask that everyone from youth to adult members respect each other and represent the Lewis & Clark 4-H in a professional manner. Like I have said if you would like to visit with me call or email me and I am more than happy to talk to anyone that is having doubts in my ability to lead the Council. The only way I can improve is hearing from the membership.

Thank You for all you do,  
David Hamilton  
Lewis & Clark County 4-H Council President

Join us at the next Council meeting on **Wednesday, November 18th at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building**. A Bylaws Committee will be set up in November, we need your input.

As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at [davidhamilton431@gmail.com](mailto:davidhamilton431@gmail.com)

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Welcome to the 2015-2016 4-H Year! If you would be willing to help at any trainings/events please let me know. It would be great to pair current leaders up with the new leaders and families. We have so many amazing 4-H Leaders planning such great learning opportunities for all ages! Read on to find out more and thank you for being involved! Come visit us at the office or call 406-447-8346 or email [mary.meyer@montana.edu](mailto:mary.meyer@montana.edu)

- ▶ New 4-H Leader Orientation – Welcome to 4-H
  - ▶ Monday, November 2, 2015, 6:00 PM in the Upper Conference Room on the Fairgrounds
- ▶ New 4-H Family Orientation – Welcome to 4-H
  - ▶ Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 6:00 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building on the Fairgrounds
- ▶ Club Officer Training
  - ▶ Friday, **December 18**, 2015 5:30-7:30 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building on the Fairgrounds – (correction from emailed Newsletter)
- ▶ Carcass Evaluation Training February 20, 2016

Thank you for your time and dedication to the 4-H program!  
Mary Meyer | 4-H/Youth Development Agent

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## COUNTY HAPPENINGS

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4-H Awards Banquet "SCOOBY DOO WHERE ARE YOU?" held on Sunday, November 1 in the Bill Hamilton Building. Great job by the Teen Leaders in putting on the County Awards!



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### Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation - Addition

November 30th is the Annual Foundation meeting! Please come at 5:30 PM to the Upper Extension Conference Room. We will be electing new Foundation Members and officers. This is your 4-H investments at work so please attend if you have any concerns or suggestions!

Thanks,  
Cody Mitchell

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### High School Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

Hey high school sophomores, juniors and seniors! Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop coming up on November 14<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer below.

For information and RSVP contact Catherine at 439-8570, Karen Bratlien at 459-3030 or Sara Cease at 324-3925.

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### Leadership 101

4-H Leadership 101 is to expand the knowledge base and not to replace or strictly replicate 4-H Leaders College. We will offer and utilize other leadership tools that can be used by lifelong learners in not only 4-H, but relationships, the work place and within the community. Children raised by caring, understanding parents in stable environments are better citizens of Montana. This course is open to parents, but also developing the awareness and understanding of 4-H Leaders and 4-H youth to enhance their leadership skills.



We kicked off 4H leadership 101 on October 26, 2015, Thanks to all that participated. We learned about S.M.A.R.T goals, about personalities and how we relate to each other and even kids in our clubs. The Concepts of Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity. Many more opportunities to join us. The next class will be on Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> 6pm to 7:30. Discussion of the book "Leadership and Self-Deception getting out of the Box." Reducing the Risk, Values, Technical vs Adaptive leading. If you have any questions please contact Sandy Merchen 406-465-9364

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### Building Committee

In the past few months we have made some progress with the building. Along with a few minor maintenance items we have rearranged the Shooting Sports lockers, added secure storage with more storage upstairs, added a door to secure the upstairs, added lighting along the south wall and added a kitchen cabinet to the existing one.

Moving forward we would like to identify some major projects the membership would like to pursue. Items taken from the survey include a kitchen and meeting rooms, new storage area and an open shed for tieouts (could double as a warmup area for horse clinics?). Other items might include a new door on the south wall of the pig barn for better access to the wash rack, insulating the pig barn and additional lighting for the building.

Identifying major projects will be a great asset for the Foundations fundraising efforts. There will always be a small item and maintenance list and I would like to encourage clubs and projects to take some of these on as part of their community service effort. A big thanks to everybody that pitched in this past year, especially the teen leaders who painted the accent wall (the dedication banner really stands out) and repainted the 4H clover on the floor.

Any questions or comments contact Ken at mcneilkd@msn.com or 439-3985

## INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

### Indoor Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room. We are still looking for superintendents in gardening, vet science, and exploring nature. It's still not too late to apply for Jr. Superintendents.

Please call Dora at 475-3640 if you have any questions.

### Cloverbuds



Creative Food Fun

Our next workshop will be Wednesday, November 11, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the BHB building. Bring your aprons and an appetite for snacks.

Please **RSVP** and if you have any questions, call Dora at 475-3640.

### Sewing & Handiwork Workshop

Sunday, November 15  
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Upper Conference Room



There will be several activities to practice your sewing skills, techniques and assess your sewing knowledge. Beginner projects are baby bib, pillowcase or apron. Advanced beginner projects are sewing machine caddy, reversible tote bag, Denim Basket, Fabric Box and Bowl Pothead. Patterns available on the website <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/project-areas/indoor/sewing.html>

Please come prepared:

- Prewash your fabrics before cutting out pattern
- If comfortable, cut the patterns prior to the workshop as there is limited space
- Know your sewing machine – how to thread and rewind a bobbin

## **Sewing & Handiwork Workshop (continued)**

Minimum sewing supplies needed are:

Scissors – preferably shears  
Dressmaker pins  
Pin cushion  
Seam gauge  
Seam ripper  
Measuring tape  
Marking pencil/pen

Mark your calendars for workshops:  
December 13  
January 10  
February 21  
March 13  
April 10  
May 15 – Fashion Revue

Knitting, crocheting and weaving assistance will be available too.

Questions with sewing call Janet at 458-9450; with knitting, crocheting or weaving call Trudy at 799-3254.

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## **Teen Leaders**

Teen Leaders – Since we will be seeing you on Saturday, November 14 for the Scholarship, Financial Aid workshop, we will not have a meeting on the 15th. Please plan on something in December. See you on the 14th!. For more information, please contact Catherine at 439-8570.

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## **Leathercraft**

Leathercraft workshops will be the first Tuesday of the month September through May in the Bill Hamilton Building at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm.



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## **Shooting Sports**

Air Rifle has started meeting weekly on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please come 10-15 minutes before the hour so that your equipment can all be readied and you are able to start shooting at the top of the hour. New shooters welcome -- come on any Tuesday night to get registered and started in this project.

Archery meets every Thursday night with the exception of Thanksgiving day. Shoot times are 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Again it is advised to be there 10 minutes prior to the hour you are going to shoot to get your equipment ready and be on the line at the top of the hour to start. New shooters also welcome.

Both air rifle and archery watch for the postal tournament to be announced and begin later in November. This is a mail in tournament lasts for a 10 week period, cost has been traditionally \$10 and your top 6 games from your weekly shooting scores are summed up and sent into the State of Montana along with other shooters across the state to compete in a tournament format. Awards are given to individuals and to teams of 4 shooters. Teams are formed from your own county first then overflow shooters are teamed with other shooters from across the state.

Any questions can be directed to Cody and Susan Mitchell Shooting Sports Coordinators [c\\_s\\_mitchell@msn.com](mailto:c_s_mitchell@msn.com), or 439-3468.

## OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

### Outdoor Committee Meeting

A special thanks to the outgoing volunteers/superintendents who have devoted many hours and years supporting the 4-H Program and youth throughout our community. Both Dave and I are excited for the upcoming 4H year and look forward to working with all of you. Please remember the next outdoor meeting is **November 9<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building. Again, we are excited for the upcoming year and hope to see you at the next outdoor meeting.

**Meeting Changed to Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM Bill Hamilton Building**

Thank you, Dave and Sean

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### Attention 4-H members ages 16 – 19



If you sold a 4-H animal or have a job there is a savings program and classes that can turn \$450 into a match of \$1350 after completion. To see if you qualify check out <http://www.smartaboutcollege.org/saving/> or email Marti Johnson at [mjohnson@safmt.org](mailto:mjohnson@safmt.org) Marti checked and you can invest your 4-H Livestock check into the program and start earning!

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### Host Locations Needed to Raise Animals

McDonald's of Helena would like to help NEW 4-Hers get into the 4-H Livestock Projects. Would you be willing to host a kid's animal at your home/facility? There are many more details to follow, but if you're willing to host let us know 406-447-8346 or [mary.meyer@montana.edu](mailto:mary.meyer@montana.edu)

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### Helena 4-H Jackpot Show

Save the date: June 11 in the Multi-Purpose Building, Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds

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### Goat

What is the right "Fit" for you.

We will be holding a workshop on the different breeds of goats for those who are taking the goat project. What breed will fit your needs the best and general info on what each of the breeds have to offer. Hope to see you all there. I do believe the goat Project is growing. If you have any questions call Karyn at 461-7536

Time: 1.00 PM

Where BHB

When: November 22





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## **Sheep**

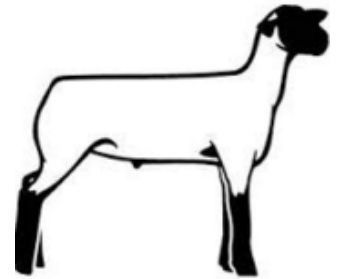
Workshops and tagging:

January 31 Tagging, docking and castrating workshop at Jeff Patten's barn

March 27 Selection, caring, feeding, fitting and showing workshop at the Bill Hamilton Building

May 8 Tagging of Lambs behind the Bill Hamilton Building

June 28 Showmanship workshop on the north side of the Bill Hamilton Building



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## **Rabbit**

Sheri and I are excited to be the new Rabbit Superintendents. The first rabbit meeting will be November 16 at 7:00pm in the BHB. This meeting is for members and parents. NO rabbits please.

We will go over our plans for the year, get to know everyone and find out what you would like to learn about rabbits this year.



If you have questions, you can reach us at Sheri – 431-1014 and Vanessa – 431-1598.

We look forward to seeing you.

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## **Poultry**

Next poultry meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 8th starting at 12:30pm. at the Bill Hamilton bldg. Topics to be discussed include feather patterns and winterization practices for your birds. Bring along a bird to look at feathers. We will not be meeting in December. Starting January 2016 the meeting will change to the 3rd Sunday of the month in order to accommodate more schedules.

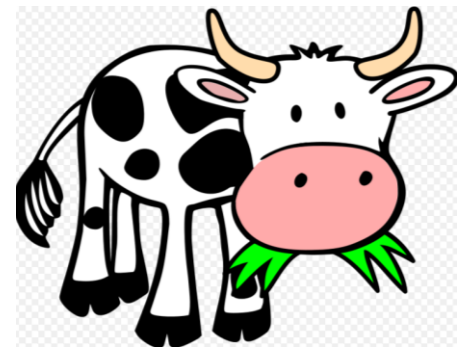


Hope to see 11/8. Val can be reached at [333valwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:333valwilliams@gmail.com)

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## **Dairy Cattle**

Next dairy meeting will be December 5th, 11:00 at our house (5130 Castles Rd.). During this meeting we will have a milk sample and be evaluating the test results from it. Hope all can attend giving the month notice, if you cannot attend PLEASE call or email me and I can share some of the information we found.



-Marilyn deMontigny

227-5177

[marilynjdemontigny@gmail.com](mailto:marilynjdemontigny@gmail.com)

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## Dog

We will begin the year with a few workshops to strength our dog knowledge foundations. Please plan on attending.

**November 7** – Workshop TBD @ 9 AM to 10:30 AM – BHB (Do not bring your dogs)

**November 14** – Workshop TBD @ 9 AM to 10:30 AM – BHB (Do not bring your dogs)

**November 21** – Orientation with Dog – Sub-Novice from 9 AM to 10 AM; Novice from 10 AM to 11 AM; Graduate & Open Dogs from 10:45 AM to 11 AM – BHB

**December 5** – Dog Quality Assurance with Dog – Sub-Novice from 9 AM to 10 AM; Novice from 10 AM to 11 AM; Graduate & Open Dogs from 10:45 AM to 11 AM - BHB

**December 12** – Grooming Workshop with Dog – Sub-Novice from 9 AM to 10:30 AM; Novice & Graduate & Open Dogs from 10:30 AM to Noon - BHB

It cannot be stressed enough that there is a BIG level of commitment to the dog project. Obedience sessions will begin on November 7. We ask that all new dogs and handlers plan on attending this first “block” of training as we will be building our training foundation from what is learned during this sessions. Please keep in mind that obedience is the foundation where the 4-H'er and the dog build the teamwork needed to be successful, not only in obedience, but also in other disciplines such as agility and herding. The dog and 4-H'er must be training in obedience to train in the other disciplines. **All dogs must be signed up and attending class by December 1, as well as have their dog's vaccination records turned in to me.** This is the cutoff date for this project (leaders – please take note!). Starting after this date puts the teams (dogs and 4-H'ers) too far behind in the training cycle and it is difficult to catch up. As always, please contact Karen Bratlien with any questions, concerns or interest in the project at [eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com](mailto:eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com) or 406-459-3030



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## Beef

Hello Beef Kids!

Hopefully you have purchased or have identified a calf for your 2016 project because many producers have shipped or are shipping calves now. If you have not done so now is the time so you don't miss out. Also, if possible it is nice to get a start weight from your producer when you bring your calf home. With this starting weight you can plan your feed program and also help you plan for your final finish weight. We will begin holding open scale nights after weigh in, in January. Look for our weigh in date to be released soon. In the meantime, please begin the halter breaking process so you will be prepared to lead your calf onto the scale. As always if you have any questions or need any help with your project please feel free to call me.



Thanks.

Shane Tamcke

Beef Superintendent 560-5470

## Horse Project

**Upcoming Events: November 3 at 5:30 PM – Q/A with Sharla Sackman regarding State Horse Policy – Lower conference room at the Extension Office.** Our county is required at a minimum to follow the State Horse Policies for all horse projects offered at the county level, if our kids want to participate in those projects at the State Horse Shows. To insure that we are following the guidelines set forth by the State, to eliminate any confusion and to answer questions of the members from our county, I have set up a tele-conference with Sharla Sackman who heads up the State Horse Committee. I encourage all members to attend the conference call. I ask that you please read the State Horse Policy (<http://montana4h.org/pub/files/2015%204-H%20State%20Horse%20Show%20Rule%20Book%20REV.pdf>), reflect on your own situations or incidences that you may have questions about and bring these questions to the meeting.



**November 13 at 5:30 PM – Horse Project Orientation - New and Existing Members.** Please bring a picture of your horse(s) so we can add it to the project picture collage. This picture board will be displayed at our County Fair in July. We will be discussing goal setting, horse health, project requirements, and learn about what is expected of you during rides and at fair and much more. Members are also encouraged to bring some of their outgrown show attire to this meeting to sell/trade with others. Please RSVP to [lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com](mailto:lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com).

**Ranch Horse:** Thank you to all of the 4H members who attended the Ranch Sorting Youth Clinic on October 24. We had a great number of 4H kids participate and learn a lot! The Team Penning Association is offering a Ranch Sorting 101 Clinic on November 21. This clinic is open to adults and youth. If you are interested in attending, please let Dawn know and the information will be forwarded to you. Amie Goroski will be at the November 13 Project Orientation meeting to give a brief synopsis about the Ranch Horse Project.

**Junior Superintendent:** Each year we look for senior member(s) interested in being a Junior Horse Superintendent. This person serves as a mentor to the younger members and can also assist with clinics if needed. Applications are on the website ([http://www.lccountymt.gov/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Education/4-H/Pages/Forms/Misc/Junior\\_Superintendent\\_Application-fillable.pdf](http://www.lccountymt.gov/fileadmin/user_upload/Education/4-H/Pages/Forms/Misc/Junior_Superintendent_Application-fillable.pdf)). Forms are due by October 31, 2014.

**Riding Schedule:** Mark your calendars. The riding schedule for January and February is as follows. Please keep in mind if the weather is below 20 degrees, the ride will be cancelled. Please watch the newsletter, e-mails, and Facebook as the times get closer for updated information.

January 17 (Sunday) ~ 12-2  
February 14 (Sunday) ~ 12-2  
March – Currently no arena time is available

There are additional arena times that will be posted in upcoming newsletters.



**Horse Committee Meeting:** The next Horse Committee meeting is November 16, 5:30 pm at the Bill Hamilton Building. Everyone is welcome. We will be finalizing the class list for the 2016 Fair and reviewing the current Project Policy manual for changes/updates needed. Please keep in mind that the format of these meetings is to conduct business and make decisions for the betterment of the project and enhancement of learning for the project members.

Future Meeting dates: (THIRD Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm)

December 21 (date to be confirmed at the November meeting)

January 18

February 22

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18



**Horse Project Facebook and E-Mail:** Join us on Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/Lewis-Clark-County-4-H-Horse-Project>). You can find updates regarding the Horse Project on the Facebook page. The Horse project also does a lot of communication via e-mail. If you would like to be added to the E-mail listing, please contact us via [lc4horseproject@gmail.com](mailto:lc4horseproject@gmail.com).

**Pack Horse:** We are looking for someone to head up the Pack Horse portion of the Horse Project. If you are interested in taking this on, or know of someone who would like to head this up, please contact Dawn Schneider at 458-4877.

## **HORSE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:**

**Horse Enrollment Fee:** The Lewis and Clark Horse Project offers many clinics throughout the year to help the members fine tune their horsemanship and learning showing techniques. We are very proud to be able to bring in top-notch trainers and educators to instruct our kids. The horse program would not be able to continue this amazing learning opportunity without an enrollment fee. The enrollment fee helps offset the cost of arena time, clinic fees and other activities and awards throughout the year.

The \$50 enrollment fee is due NO LATER than February 1st **OR** at the first riding workshop. This fee must be paid prior to participating in horse events.

**Helmet Safety Video:** Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Helmet Education Workshop once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior member (14 and up). Parent participation is required by signing the Horse Project Waiver and Helmet Policy Form after the workshop. **Participation in this workshop is required in order for horse members to participate in upcoming horse riding clinics and the County Fair in July.** This workshop will be offered a limited number of times so please make every effort possible to attend. The 1<sup>st</sup> helmet viewing is on January 6 at 6:00 PM.

**Horse Care and Safety Training (HCS or Horse QA):** At the October Horse Committee meeting, it was decided that this is no longer going to be a requirement for horse project members as it is not a requirement at the State level.

# Scholarship & Financial Aid Workshop

Are you a high school age member of 4-H or the Montana National Guard Child & Youth Program? Are you thinking of attending college and wondering how to pay for your college education? Then you should attend the Scholarship & Financial Aid Workshop!

**Who:** High School Age (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors) of the 4-H and Montana National Guard Child & Youth Program – **PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

**When:** November 14, 2015 at 1 PM to 4 PM

**Where:** Bill Hamilton Building – Lewis & Clark County Fairgrounds

**What:** We will have presentations from Carroll College, Student Assistance Foundation and the Montana National Guard that cover how best to prepare for your college experience. It doesn't matter if you don't have a college picked out yet or will be attending a 2 or 4 year program. If you have a laptop, feel free to bring it!

**For more information or to reserve YOUR seat, please contact:**

**4-H Members: Catherine McNeil at 439-8570 or Karen Bratlien at 459-3030**

**MT National Guard Child & Youth Program: Sara Cease at 324-3925**



*Great Information! – Questions Answered! – Fun Giveaways!*

\*Check the calendar on the website for additional events or changes.  
 \*BHB = Bill Hamilton 4-H Building on the Lewis and Clark Co. Fairgrounds

# November 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 County Awards 4PM – BHB Potluck	2 New 4-H Leader Orientation – 6 PM Extension Office	3 Leathercraft Workshop 4 PM -BHB Horse Conference Call 5:30 PM – Extension Office	4 New 4-H Family Orientation – 6 PM BHB	5	6	7 Dog Workshop 9 AM - BHB
8 Poultry Workshop 12:30 PM BHB	9 <del>Outdoor Mtg 5:30 BHB</del>	10	11 <b>- Office Closed -</b>  Cloverbuds 5:30 PM - BHB	12	13 Horse Project Orientation 5:30 PM BHB	14 Dog Workshop 9 AM - BHB  Scholarship and Financial Aid Workshop 1-4 PM BHB
15 Sewing and Handiwork Workshop 2-4 PM – Extension Office	16 Indoor Mtg 5:30 – Extension Office Horse Mtg 5:30 BHB Outdoor Mtg 5:30 BHB Rabbit Mtg 7:00 BHB	17	18  <b>Council Meeting 5:30 BHB</b>	19	20	21 Dog Workshop 9 AM - BHB
22 Goat Workshop 1 PM BHB	23 Leadership 101 6 PM – Extension Office	24	25	26  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b> <b>- Office Closed -</b>	27	28
29	30 Foundation Annual Mtg – 5:30 PM Extension Office					