

### **Livingston County Fair receives large grant**

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The Livingston County 4-H and FFA Fair Association, a non profit that supports and enhances educational activities for youth of Livingston County has received a donation of \$5,000 from Chula Farmersâ Cooperative and CoBank as part of the bankâs âSharing Successâ program.

The donation will be used to fund educational programs, including 4-H and FFA, which helps mold future leaders by teaching them the decision making, interpersonal, communication and leadership skills they can use in all phases of their lives.

The contribution is part of CoBankâs âSharing Successâ program, a \$3 million matching grant program designed to benefit cooperatives and charitable groups they support throughout rural America. Coinciding with the United Nationsâ âInternational Year of Cooperatives,â CoBank will match contributions by its cooperative customers to nonprofit organizations of their choice for the remainder of 2012, or until the fund is exhausted. The gifts will be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis, from a minimum of \$1000 up to a maximum of \$5000.

Chula Farmersâ Cooperative is a full service, cost efficient Co-op that leads the field in providing safe supplies and services to the environment and people while managing equity and identity to the best interest of its members. The Chula Farmersâ Cooperative has been a strong supporter and bidder at the Livingston County 4-H and FFA Fair for many years.

CoBank is a \$90 billion cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides loans, leases, export financing and other financial service to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states.

CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture and the nationâs rural economy. In addition to serving its direct retail borrowers, the bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 70,000 farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country.

Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the United States and maintains an international representative office in Singapore. For more information about CoBank, visit the bankâs website at [www.cobank.com](http://www.cobank.com).