



# RAVALLI COUNTY 4-H News

October, 2006



Hello 4-H Members and Families,

It's time to celebrate! October 1st marks the new 4-H year, this allows us to reflect on our accomplishments from 2006 and look forward to a new year. Now is the time to start thinking about the goals you want to set for yourself and with your 4-H club. So the question to answer is:

What are goals?

The definition: "the result or achievement toward which effort is directed," (Dictionary.com, 2006). Other words that describe goals: target, purpose and intention. A goal is something you set for yourself or a group to work towards. To help reach your goal, maybe write down the steps you must do to achieve your goal.

How do goals apply to 4-H?

"My goals" are on the green sheet in the record books that some members fill out the night before fair and make up goals. Let's try something new: to do our goals at the *beginning* of the year. The purpose of 4-H is to:

- Develop life skills
- Build self confidence
- Meet new people
- Receive recognition for efforts and accomplishments
- Have fun
- Learn and do new things
- Practice responsibility

These seven purposes can guide the goals you set for yourself and club to reach toward this next year. Sure, it would be great to win the top awards but winning is not always a reachable goal. Make goals that you can accomplish like teach my friend to crochet, go to all my club meetings, try a new project like leather craft or fishing, or go to 4-H camp. As we set new goals for this next year, let's keep them within reach and have fun.

Have a great month!

Katelyn Andersen, MSU/Ravalli County Extension Agent

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# Important Information



## Upcoming Events....

October

Sunday, Oct 1: New 4-H Year!

Oct 1-7: National 4-H Week

Friday, Oct 6: County Award Nominations are due to Extension Office

Friday, Oct 13: County Award Nominees receive Acceptance Form and Certificate

Sunday, Oct 15: 4-H Project Book Order Due!

Oct 19-21: Ambassador Fall Training

Friday, Oct 20: County Award Acceptance Forms are due in the Extension Office!

Monday, Oct 23: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 pm, Kids First, Westview Elementary, Hamilton

Tuesday, Oct 24: County Award Discussion Night, 6:30 pm, Kids First, Westview Elementary, Hamilton

Tuesday, Oct 24: Livestock Committee Meeting, 7 pm, Stevi Main Street Association

Saturday, Oct 28: Org Leader Training, 10 am to 2 pm; Kids First, Westview Elementary, Hamilton

November

Wed., Nov 15: 4-H Project Book Order Due!

65th Annual Alberta 4-H Leader's Conference 2006  
January 12-14, 2007

Montana 4-H has been invited to send adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference.

### Who May Apply to Attend:

Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year.

### Priority Consideration will be given to applicants:

- Who have not previously attended
- From Counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years
- Who have served as leaders for 3 or more years (including the current year)

Remaining delegate positions will be selected based on information provided in the application.

Applications are due October 15, 2006. Please contact the Extension Office for more information and application form.



### 4-H Council September Highlights

The Council met September 18<sup>th</sup> in the extension meeting room. The Council discussed fair results, the 4-H hamburger stand, and board elections.

The Council spent considerable time discussing the hamburger stand and its future success. The general feeling was the stand went very well and grossed the historical amount of revenue. There are areas and procedures that need addressed but overall the new stand was successful. Livestock, small animal, and dog reported successful shows and positive feedback from the community.

The newsletter has been fully entrusted to the Extension Office. Newsletter availability seems to be a growing concern therefore the extension is considering offering electronic and traditional mail, and online delivery.

Other areas of discussion included hamburger stand left over box meat. The Council decided to sell the left over boxes to 4-H families.

The Council adjourned at 9:30pm

Lans Richardson, 4-H Council President

**The date, time, and location of any of these scheduled activities are subject to change. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office for updated information (375-6611).**

**All items for the next months' newsletter must be submitted by the 15th of each month and be limited to one-half page. Newsletter items can be emailed to 4-H\_news@earthlink.net or delivered to the extension office.**



**What is your club's name?**  
Sapphire Shamrocks

**How many members do you have?**  
12 members, 4 leaders

**What makes your club special?**

We have become a pretty small club, but remain very "diverse". Our ages range from 8 to 18 and we have members from opposite ends of the personality spectrum, from our quietest member to the kid who makes us laugh with a charade demonstration of "door to door fundraising". We also have a large variety of projects including cooking, horticulture, poultry, dog, archery, vet science, knitting, leadership, horseless horse, pygmy goats and cats.

**What goals are you setting for this next year as a club?**

1. Do at least 2 community service projects. (Crop Walk for World Hunger and River Clean-Up)
2. Have every member do a demonstration at a meeting.
3. Have recreation at every meeting.

We need to feature 4-H clubs each month, which means we will "showcase" each club at least once in a calendar year. This also means we need clubs to submit information!! Answer the following questions and we will put your club in the next newsletter:

What is your club's name?

How many members do you have?

What makes your club special?

What goals are you setting for this next year as a club?

## Carcass Winners

Top Fair Livestock Carcass Winners Announced

Certified Lamb --- No. 52- -- Katelyn Yuhas  
No. 24- -- Thomas Burge

Katelyn is the winner of the Deidra Markette cash award. Certified Lamb is state-wide criteria set for superior lamb carcasses based on meat quality and quantity. This year 20 lambs were processed locally and were able to be measured.

Hog exhibitors receive eleven Swine Symbol of Excellence (SOE) designations on their pigs based on state-wide criteria including:

- Ashley Lewis, 1<sup>st</sup> place carcass, \$50 cash award
  - Ashley Kauffman, 2<sup>nd</sup> place carcass, \$30 cash award
  - Calli Ward, 3<sup>rd</sup> place carcass, \$20 cash award
- Other SOE's ---
- |             |                |               |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| Tom Finlay  | Bree Husby     | Jake Parks    |
| Josh James  | Caroline Etter | Marissa Lewis |
| Adam Hooten | Mariah Morton  |               |

Beef Carcass Winners include two state-wide Steer of Merit criteria steers belonging to Dan Pendergast, No. 41 which is the first place carcass steer and MacKenzie Zimmerman, No. 52 our second place steer. Dan will receive \$100 cash from the Bitter Root Stockgrowers and MacKenzie will receive \$75 cash from several donors who also provide cash to the third place steer, No. 32, Melissa McFadgen, \$50, and fourth place steer belonging to Shelby Needles, No. 28, \$25. This is the most recent information, any changes or corrections will be made in the November 2006 4-H Newsletter.



## Ravalli County Recognition Awards



What: A program to nominate outstanding members in 4-H

Who: Any 4-H Member or Leader and can be nominate by parents, leader or other member!

When: The application is due Oct. 6 and the member or leader needs to be present on Oct. 24 to join in the discussion groups

What's next: Ask your Org Leader for a form!

## Club and Project Updates

### Learn a New Talent!

The Knotty Knitters of the Bitterroot would like to welcome all knitters (even if you don't know how) to come and learn how to knit. They will teach you to knit, provide help with a pattern, or help you do more with knitting!

When: Every 3rd Tuesday of the month  
 Where: The Yarn Center, Hamilton 363-1400  
 Time: 5 to 7 pm  
 Who: Anyone! 4-H members must bring an adult



Come every month and learn to knit!



Do you want to learn about horses but don't have one? Horseless Horse is wanting YOU!

Contact Wendi Fawns to join their project group. 961-4179 or wrfawns@yahoo.com



If you are wanting to be involved with archery this year, you **MUST** fill out a 2006-2007 4-H Archery Project Registration Form by **OCTOBER 21, 2006**. These are available at the Extension Office and through your Org Leader.

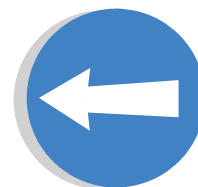
*Also, a new Montana 4-H rule: you must be 9 years old as of October 1, 2006, regardless of 4-H age in order to shoot.*

### Llamas, Llamas, Llamas

My name is Dawn Moore and I am a confirmed llama addict! I have owned llamas for almost 10 years, and have been raising and showing llamas for the last 6 years. I show actively on the ALSA (Alpaca and Llama Show Association) show circuit and have had many of my llamas qualified for Regional's and National's. We raise llamas for show, fiber and companionship and usually have 2-4 crias (babies) each year. I do all of my own care and maintenance on the llamas including shearing, grooming, trimming toenails, vaccinations and other routine vet work and would be happy to share all of this knowledge. Anyone who is interested in exploring the wonderful, wooly world of llamas is invited to contact me at 961-4940 (leave a message--I'm probably out with the llamas!)."

## Record Book Update

Record books are an important part of the 4-H program! They are so important that they will be required to enter any 4-H project into the 2007 Ravalli County Fair. Don't worry, your Org Leader will receive special training to help you throughout the year.



New goal: Work on record books at least once a month!

### Voting Information and Procedure—Ravalli County 4-H Council

All enrolled leaders and teen members may vote. The people on the ballot have volunteered to serve for the three year term if elected. Mark your choice with an "X" and vote for one person for each position. Return ballots to the County Extension Office, 215 S. 4th Street Suite G, Hamilton, MT 59840 by October 13, 2005. Leaders elected will be installed at the regular Council Meeting on October 17th. Put one ballot in an envelope, seal it and write on the outside, 4-H Council Ballot. Place the 4-H Council Ballot envelope inside another envelope. The voters will need to print their name and address on the upper left corner of the outer envelope. The outer envelope identifying who voted will be separated from the actual ballot before ballots are opened.

Ballot—Mark with an "X" and vote for one person for each position.

District #3—Stevensville	Nancy Preston	_____
District #4—Stevensville	_____	_____
District #7—Corvallis	_____	_____
District #9—Hamilton/Darby	_____	_____
At Large C—County Wide	_____	_____



If you are interested in being on the 4-H Council, please come to our next meeting on October 16 at Kids First at 6:30pm. Any questions? Call the Extension Office, 375-6611.

### **Newsletter Update!**

For the 2006-2007 4-H year, you can choose how you will receive your newsletter! Make sure you choose whether you want to get your newsletter by postal mail or email/online when you re-enroll. Visit the newsletter online: <http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~ravalli>

### Ravalli County Livestock Committee Update

The following committee will meet on the specified date to discuss changes for the 2007 Ravalli County Fair Book and to discuss any changes to the operation of the fair in general. If you are interested, please attend their meetings:

Dairy: October 9, 7pm, Farm Bureau Office in Hamilton, MT

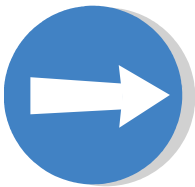
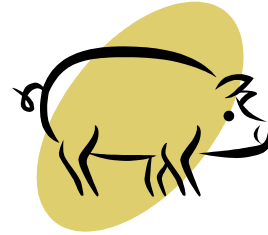
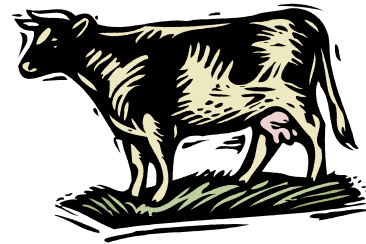
Beef: October 11, 7 pm, Corvallis Lunchroom

Swine: October 12, 7 pm, Stevensville Main Street Association

Sheep: October 18, 7pm, Stevensville Main Street Association

\*See side box on this page for more information

The Livestock Committee is looking for interested 4-H volunteers to join their meetings and possibly be an officer. If you're interested, please come to the next meeting on October 24, 7 pm at the Stevensville Main Street Association.

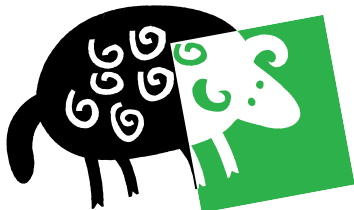


Place your order for the 2007 Montana Agriculture Calendar, they are just \$10! It features prints by Don Greytak. Supplies are limited so order early! The proceeds of the calendar sales help to support 4-H programs in Montana. Order your calendar directly from the Montana 4-H Foundation by calling the office, (406) 994-5911 or drop by the Ravalli County Extension Office for an order form.

### Step Up—Step Out! Start a New Club!

There has been a tremendous amount of interest in 4-H this year! Yes! It is so wonderful that we have many new kids excited to join. We need your help (both parents and 4-Hers) to take the initiative to **Step Up and Step Out into new horizons and make new clubs**. Many interested parents are wanting to join a club rather than make a new club because they have never been in 4-H and we need your help. Please consider starting a new club in your area. There is training year round for Org Leaders. **We just need you to Step Up , Step Out!** Call the Extension Office, 375-6611!

### Sheep Meeting



Scheduled for October 18 at Main Street Association, Stevensville, 7:00 pm. Come with ideas and changes for 2006-2007 year. Any questions? Call Margaret Yuhas, 273-2989 (home) or 240-8220 (cell); or Mary Koenen, 777-3809 (home); 239-4809 (cell).

### Sheep Scholarship!

Scholarship available for Heywood Foundation Sheep Award. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office, 375-6611.

### Lost & Found

The Extension Office has a box of Lost & Found items from fair and 4-H camp. All unclaimed items will be donated on October 31, 2006. Please come in now to get your lost items!

### **4-H Calendar Update!**

The Extension Office will place orders for 4-H project books on the 15th of every month. We will soon only have an office copy on hand for all project books. All orders will arrive approximately one week after the order is placed. Please mark your calendars and put in your project book order!

## **RAVALLI COUNTY HORSE COMMITTEE AGENDA**

08/17/06, EXTENSION MEETING ROOM, 5:30 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL/Enrollment sheet

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Horse Show:

Trail Course - Obstacles

Program -

Concessions -

Review Entries & Record/Project Books

NEW BUSINESS

OTHER

Upcoming events:

Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Ravalli 4-H Horse Show

Sept 15th -17th 4-H State Horse

Show - Billings

Next meeting: September or October? 7:00 pm, Extension Meeting Room

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### **Secret 4-H Volunteer Spotlight**

All 4-H volunteers are a huge part of the program, but sometimes a thank-you is not enough. Here is the spot to secretly tell the Ravalli County 4-Hers how important someone is to you. Your thank you can be a few sentences or half a page, and we will guarantee your secrecy. Email, send or drop off a quick "thank you" for a 4-H volunteer that has gone an extra mile to the Extension Office:



### Quality Assurance

Please note these upcoming dates for mandatory quality assurance. Meetings are scheduled November 28, January 20 and February 20. Locations to be announced in the November 4-H Newsletter. These are mandatory so plan on making one meeting. Any question call Margaret Yuhas, 273-2989 or Peg Andersen 273-6618.

## Thank you!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Extension Office would like to thank everyone who helped out with fair this year. We would like to thank the parents and friends of the 4-H program, your support was a great asset to the 2006 Ravalli County Fair! Here is a special thank you to the volunteers who went an extra mile:

**Brent Huseby:** for securing the meat donations for the Hamburger Stand

**Chuck and Julie Emmett:** for the countless hours managing the Hamburger Stand again!

**All the clubs who helped at the Hamburger Stand and those who spent extra time cleaning out the barns and the indoor exhibit building.**

**Scott Nicholson, Megan Yuhas, Marie Nicholson, Dan Cranmore, Kathleen Hood, Judy Broughton, DeeAnne Cranmore, Dori Tintzman, Julie Emmett, Julia Freezer and Shari Freezer:** for the photography during the fair

**Kathleen Hood:** for printing the award certificates

**Laura DeNitto:** for the Small Animal Auction

**Lans Richardson:** organizing the Livestock Sale Breakfast

**Hamilton Pack:** for donating the sausage for the Livestock Sale Breakfast

**Mary Koenen:** for her dedication to the 4-H program and all the many things she did for the 4-H and FFA Livestock

**Diana Miller:** for writing all the checks for special premium and keeping us so very organized!

The Superintendents:

4-H Building: **Darlene Harris, Louis Gardner, Ginny Stroschine and Patty Linneweh**

Beef: **Greg and Theresa Stephens**

Cats: **Nancy Davis**

Dairy: **Dan Wolsky**

Dogs: **Kimberly Dowling**

FFA: **Ramey Lunceford**

Goats: **Julie Schram**

Horse: **Ed Evers**

Pocket Pets: **Virginia Chaffin**

Poultry: **Virginia Chaffin**

Rabbits: **Becky Tannehill**

Sheep: **Margaret Yuhas**

Swine: **Nancy Preston, Jeff Hale, Dr. John Bodner, and Chris Thorson**

**For Sale!**

Purebred Suffolk Sheep

Frame animals and fat stock

Frame: \$275 unregistered, \$300 registered obo

Fat: \$1.50 per pound live weight, you pay for processing.

Please call Sarah at 273-4645.



Suzy Allen is going out of swine business.  
Proven Boars, Breeding Sows, weaner pigs.

Any reasonable offer 360-5482



For Sale: Two 4-H raised Suffolk breeding ewes – purple ribbon market lambs – Ready to Breed

Please call: 829-5741



For sale. Registered 1-A red Angus steer. Born 3-7-06. Handsome, great disposition, excellent 4-H prospect, is current on vaccines and worming contact Kim or Tim Tiplady at 777-7244.



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Community Service Opportunities

Child and Family Services is looking for a 4-H group that would like to coordinate a backpack drive for children entering foster care due to abuse or neglect. The backpacks are given to children when they are removed from their home. The back packs contain a t-shirt, underwear, a stuffed animal, basic hygiene items, a quilt and a book. The backpacks are split into male/female and by age. If your group is interested in taking on this project please contact Brenda Fisher at 363-1961 ext. 107.

Thank you for your consideration!

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is wanting help to adopt a child for the Christmas Season. They need people to put together a shoebox of necessities—toothbrush, teddy bear, books, hard candy, etc. Box are due mid-November. If your club wants more information, please contact Peanut at 363-4472.



Clothes Closet, Stevensville

Needs 4-H groups to help them sort and hang clothes. Contact Sarah Schardt 629-0015 for more information!