



4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER


RAVALLI COUNTY 4-H



Schedule of Events

MAY 2006

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- 5/1—all livestock breeding stock must be owned by the 4-H member by this date
 - 5/5-7— State 4-H Horse Show in Dillon
 - 5/6—first day of Hamilton Farmer's Market, 9am-12:30, 205 Bedford Street
 - 5/7-9—Phonathon, Election Room, Courthouse
 - 5/15—Deadline for Clover Photo Contest Entries
 - 5/17—Mini Fashion Revue, 7-9pm, Ext. Office
 - 5/20—Horse Clinic (?)
 - 5/22—Hog Weigh-In, Mandatory, Fairgrounds, 5:00-8:00 pm.
 - 5/23—LAST CHANCE Mandatory Quality Assurance Workshop, 7-9pm, Arts Building, Ravalli County Fairgrounds
 - 5/27,28—Garden City Rabbit Breeders Show
 - 5/29— Corvallis Memorial Day Carnival



Schedule of Events June

- 6/1— Sheep weigh-in, mandatory, Fairgrounds, 5-8:00 pm.
- 6/1—application deadline for showcasing unique talent or project at state congress
- 6/8-10 –The 15th Annual Montana Junior Beef Expo, Central Montana Fairgrounds in Lewistown.
- 6/10— 4-H Trail Ride, Calf Crk.
- 6/23-25—MQHA/AQHA Show - Diamond A

JUNE 2006

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Schedule of Events July

- 7/14-15—Horse Camp - Fairgrounds
- 7/14-16 – MQHA/AQHA Show - Diamond A

JULY 2006

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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 25th 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.

4-H Council April Meeting Highlights

The council met April 17th in the meeting room across from the extension office. The major topics of discussion included the Carnival, Kids First sound system, and Kathy Hammer's retirement.

Nancy Davis, carnival chairwoman, reported to the council the final outcome of the carnival. She indicated the revenue was very close to last years. She indicated there may need to be some issues addressed regarding club participation, booth setup/take down and clean up. A big thank you to both Nancy Davis and Ginger Desrosier for all their dedication and hard work!

Alison Kinney reported on the Kids First sound system. The final decision is to give the sound system back to Ravalli County 4-H. The council did not accept the sound system back pending research into the location of the title, insurance, storage, etc. There will be a final decision made at the May meeting.

The council decided to honor Kathy Hammer by setting up a revolving scholarship fund to send kids to County 4-H Camp. The exact dollar amount will not be finalized until the May meeting.

The council adjourned at 9:30pm.



Ravalli County 4-H Website Up and Running!

Thanks to Patrick DeNitto, member at Florence; Millie Veltkamp; and MSU Information Systems. The new URL is: <http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~ravalli>

CONGRESS ALERT! – MEMBERS 4-H AGE 14 OR OLDER WANT TO ATTEND MONTANA STATE 4-H CONGRESS?

Please let the Extension Office know ASAP.

Fashion Revue and Quilts: (Must attend County Mini Fashion Revue – Wednesday May 17)
Call Extension by Monday May 15 to sign up

Horse Judging – individuals and/or a team of four – decided by the horse committee

Horse Skill-a-thon – individuals and/or a team of four - decided by the horse committee

Livestock Judging – individuals and/or a team of four – decided by the livestock committee –

Speech, Demo and Illustrated Talk – individuals / **WANTED:** organizer for this County event

Gavel Games – still open – team of four – **WANTED:** organizer for this County event

**CONTEST GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE
CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES
375-6611**

4-H Council helps with the expenses of this event.

DO YOU HAVE A UNIQUE PROJECT or TALENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE SHOWCASED AT CONGRESS?

Applications are available at the Extension Office or online at the state website (www.montana4h.org).
Application deadline June 1

PHONATHON is coming up!

The dates for this year's phonathon are May 7, 8, & 9 at the Election Room in the basement of the Ravalli County Courthouse. Any of you who wish to participate in this year's phonathon must call either Mary Monahan at 961-4666 or Nancy Hnizdil at 363-2306 **by March 30.**

WORKSHOPS NEEDED FOR STATE LEADER'S FORUM SEPTEMBER 30, 2006.

Proposals are being solicited for Workshops for the Leader's Forum being held in Missoula. Participatory Workshops are being encouraged (no "death by lecture")

The Deadline has been extended to May 31, 2006. Teens are also being encouraged to propose workshops. Send the title and, a brief description of your workshop, facility needs, supply needs. Send this info to Bina Eggenesperger, PO Box 221, Thompson Falls, MT 59873 or e mail bina@blackfoot.net

Carnival Thank You

I would like to thank Nancy Davis for taking the time to put on a show stopping carnival this year. Thank you to all of the clubs that participated. What a great year! - Ginger Desrosier

THANK YOU to the following Hamilton dentists for supporting 4-H and supporting the Fair:

- Dr. Michael Taylor, DDS PC
- Canyon View Dental PC, (Justin and Stacey Simmons)

Montana 4-H "Learn by Doing" Clover Photo Contest

Montana State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development program is sponsoring a 4-H Clover Photo Contest for 4-H members and other Montana youth. The theme of the contest is "Learn by Doing."

One \$100 prize and two \$50 prizes will be given for favorite photos that show pictures of kids *learning by doing* through Montana 4-H. **Entries must be postmarked by May 15, 2006**

Please contact extension office (325-6611) for more info and entry forms.

The "Montana Heritage Award" 2006

Sterling Silver belt buckle, designed by Don Rand, awarded to the boy and the girl who most exemplify rural life and the spirit of Western Montana by:

- completing two writing tasks (as specified)
- entering a project at the Ravalli County Fair
- completing a community service project (as specified)
- providing 3 references

The prize: Two awards will be given. A man and woman sterling and 14 Kt gold belt buckle. Each set with a Montana sapphire valued at \$1,000 each. These buckles are custom designed specifically for 4-H and FFA in Ravalli County. by jewelry designer Don Rand from the Don Rand Gallery in Hamilton Montana. In addition, Don and his jewelry company are giving the winning boy and girl a \$100 cash prize.

Note: Interview will be required prior to Fair.

For more detailed information, please contact the Extension Office at 375-6611 and see next month's newsletter.

Deadline for entries: August 11, Friday at the Ravalli County Extension Service
County Administrative Center, 215 South Fourth Street, Hamilton.

Ag Communications Scholarships for High School Seniors

Stockman Bank, Agri-News, Western Livestock Reporter, and Northern Ag Network are teaming up to offer scholarships to youths planning to pursue an education in ag communications.

The first place applicant will be awarded \$2,500; second place applicant, \$1,500; and third place applicant, \$500.

Who can apply?

- High school seniors from any state, although preference will be given to students from Montana and the Rocky Mountain West.
- Students planning to attend a two-year or four-year college or university in any state with the long-term goal of working in ag communications, whether for a broadcast station, newspaper, magazine, breed association, industry organization, or as a freelance writer... the possibilities are endless.
- Note that the applicant need not be planning to study for a particular degree, as many paths lead to ag communications. The applicant also need not be planning to attend an ag university.

Hurry! The application deadline is May 15, 2006.

Find all criteria and an application online at www.cattleplus.com

Preference will be given to:

- Students from ag backgrounds.
- Students who want to serve people in ag.
- Students who can deliver information in concise, easy-to-understand writing.

Questions? Call 406.259.5406.

Youth Leadership

KariLynn Dowling was honored by Soroptimists on April 20 as one of the first place winners of the Violet Richardson Award. This award is given to young women who show compassion, caring, and a willingness to make their community a better place through volunteerism. KariLynn has donated her time to the Keystone to Discovery after school program in Hamilton for the past two years. She uses skills learned through 4-H to teach dog obedience classes. She plans and teaches the 6 week programs on handling skills and responsibility to children in grades 3 - 8. Soroptimists gave cash awards to both KariLynn and the Keystone to Discovery program. Thank you for being a leader in our community, KariLynn!

Corvallis Memorial Day Carnival

A Carnival is being planned in Corvallis **after the Memorial Day Parade, May 29th, 2006**. Contact Jennifer Powell, 961-0086, if you would like to have a booth. This would be a great fundraising and public relations opportunity for 4-H Clubs!

Hamilton Farmers Market

The first Market will be **May 6, 2006** and you can plan on selling any Saturday this season. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Market Manager Laura Craig at 961-0004.

LAST CHANCE-MANDATORY QUALITY ASSURANCE

Makeup Workshop

It is absolutely essential that every member intending to sell a large market animal at fair attend the FINAL Quality Assurance Workshop.

Makeup Workshop: Tuesday, May 23, 7-9 p.m., Arts Building, Ravalli County Fair Grounds
(Follow the signs, it may be necessary to change the building, but there will be signs)

This clinic will be in the form of informative, hands-on stations and will impart the knowledge needed to safely and humanely raise a market animal. Project members need to know these elements to provide good care for their stock. The workshops will have four stations and will take approximately 1 1/2 hours to complete. Remember: Livestock Committee has changed the requirements - you must complete Quality Assurance by May 1st, it must be done every year and it is mandatory.

*****If you miss this final workshop, you will not be able to sell your animal at Fair.***
There will not be another Workshop**

If you have any questions call Extension, 375-6611; Margaret Yuhas, 273-2989; Peg Andersen, 273-6618.

RECORD BOOKS

Record books will need to be taken to the fair this year. Barn superintendents will post times for interviews with the project member at the fair.

Horse Newsletter Information

Horse camp is scheduled for July 14 & 15th, (Friday and Saturday) at the Ravalli County Fairgrounds. To make camp happen, parents and leaders will need to volunteer to help out. This is a big project and very beneficial for those who have participated in the past, but it takes a lot of time, commitment and adults to pull it off.

For the summer months the riding meetings have been discontinued at the Cmax Arena on Monday nights. For those who would still like to ride with Randy and Coral Maxwell they are welcoming them to their arena on Monday nights from 6 pm to dark, weather permitting. Cattle are available for those who want to learn to trail or work a cow. Their arena is located 3 miles north of Darby on Old Darby Rd, or approximately 14 miles south of Hamilton. For more information contact Coral at 821-3413.

Kevin Hill has 3 horses for sale, very reasonably priced, at \$600.00 to \$700.00 each. All 3 horses are halter broke and gentle but have not been broke to ride. He has two mares, 4 and 6 yrs old, which would make brood mares for breeding projects. The other is a 2 yr old gelding, which would make a green horse project. All are very well bred. For more information contact Kevin in the evenings at 961-1415.

Upcoming events:

April 29th Tricia Hobson Clinic & Assessment Day

May 5th - 7th 2006 State 4-H Horse Show in Dillon

May 20th Clinic?

June 10th 4-H Trail Ride - Calf Crk

June 23rd -25th MQHA/AQHA Show - Diamond A

July 14th & 15th Horse Camp - Fairgrounds

July 14th -16th MQHA/AQHA Show - Diamond A

Aug 26th Ravalli 4-H Horse Show

Montana Junior Beef Expo slated for June

The 15th Annual Montana Junior Beef Expo has been set for June 8-10, 2006. This annual youth event will again be held at the Central Montana Fairgrounds in Lewistown. Many events are being lined up to keep everyone involved and busy. Some of the many events include the jackpot steer show, open showmanship, eight individual breed shows, team fitting contests, team sales contests and don't forget the annual exhibitor/family BBQ. Entries will be sent out the beginning of May. If you did not receive entry information last year or have any questions, please contact Mike Vanek or Mardi Linhart at 406-538-2164 or send an email to mmcattle@midrivers.com. If you have a heifer or steer in your show pen, come to Expo, meet some new friends and have some fun.

Reminder: ALL Livestock breeding stock must be owned by the project member by May 1.

SWINE

Mandatory weigh-in will be Monday 5/22 at the fairgrounds from 5 - 8 pm.

Changes recommended by the Swine Committee and approved by both the Livestock Committee and 4-H Council include:

- Change market hog weight range to a minimum of 230 lbs. and a maximum of 280 lbs.
- Members must have their market hog weighed at the Spring weigh-in at the fairgrounds.
- Members involved in a swine breeding project may request of the barn superintendent to have their market hog weighed at their facility. This request must be in writing, at least 30 days in advance of the Spring weigh-in. The barn superintendent will arrange for weighing on the Spring weigh-in date and will provide for an observer and identification of the hog.
- Members requesting this exemption will have in place and follow an appropriate biosecurity plan. Appropriate biosecurity procedures developed by the Swine Committee will be followed during the off-fairgrounds weigh-in.
- All hogs will be ear-tagged or individually identified by some other means at time of Spring weigh-in by the barn superintendent or their representative.
- Members whose hog loses their ear tag must contact the barn superintendent immediately and have the tag replaced.
- No hogs without an ear tag will be allowed to compete as a market hog.
- Hogs weighed in for the Ravalli County Fair may not be tagged, shown or sold at any other fair.

SHEEP Weigh-In

Mandatory weigh-in will be Monday 6/1 at the fairgrounds from 5 - 8 pm.

4-H Booth at the FAIR needs cows and sheep

I'm in need of 3 dry cows and 5 sheep (1 1/2 year olds preferably or less on the sheep) for the Fair 4-H booth again this year. Please call Brent Huseby if you can donate one of these animals. You can get a tax donation for your animal. For more information please call 363-4226.

Dog Project

For full details and updated information on upcoming events, member accomplishments, and help with your project, check the following website regularly: www.geocities.com/ravallidogs

Questions? Call Kimberly at 961-6936.

MINI FASHION REVUE

WHO: Any senior sewing or quilt members (4-H Age 14 or older)

WHAT: Have your fashion or quilt judged, and earn a spot on the County Congress Team

WHEN: Wednesday May 17, 7-9 pm

WHERE: The Extension Office

HOW: Call Extension by May 15 / Contest guidelines at the Extension Office.

The Garden City Rabbit Breeders Show

The Garden City Rabbit Breeders are planning a show on Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 and 28. For more information, please call Helen Eden (rabbits) 363-6252 or Laura DeNitto 273-4645.

Rabbit Hutch

Free Rabbit hutch to a 4-H family. Nancy Miller 363-7296

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