



# 4-H FAMILY NEWSLETTER

RAVALLI COUNTY 4-H

## Schedule of Events

### JULY 2006

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- 7/11-14–State Congress in Bozeman
- 7/14-15–Horse Camp – Fairgrounds–CANCELED
- 7/14-16 – MQHA/AQHA Show – Diamond A
- 7/17-20 –Ravalli County 4-H Camp at Loon Lake
- 7/23–Sidewinder’s Club hosts Junior Livestock Jackpot show–Ravalli Co Fairgrounds

Fair starts  
in two  
months—  
finish those  
projects! get  
‘er done!





## Schedule of Events August

- 8/8 - 4-H Dog Fun March
- 8/11 - Final fair entry day for all exhibitors
- 8/21-Non-perishable interview judging day - sign up now at the Extension Office!
- 8/26 - Ravalli 4-H Horse Show
- 8/27 - Ravalli 4-H Dog Show
- 8/28 - Perishable interview judging day - Sign up now at the Extension Office!
- 8/31-9/2 - Ravalli County Fair

## AUGUST 2006

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## Schedule of Events September

- 9/15-17– MT State 4-H Horse Show - Billings
- 9/29-30 MT 4-H Leaders Forum
- 9/29 - Org leader's end of the year reports due

## SEPTEMBER 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](mailto:4-H_news@earthlink.net) or delivered to the extension office.**

### 4-H Council June Meeting Highlights

The council met June 12<sup>th</sup> in the art building at the fair grounds. The meeting was very lengthy but productive. The new extension agent, Katelyn Andersen was at the meeting to introduce herself to the council.

The council discussed the transfer of ownership of the Kid's First Sound system. The transfer will take place at the July meeting pending title retrieval.

The council spent a great deal of time discussing the record book accompaniment with all fair projects. The council heard discussions of concern regarding ribbon deduction within market animal classes. The board agreed to follow policy and procedure as outlined in the 4-H policy and procedure and Ravalli County Fair Book.

The board heard from Archery sports regarding travel funds for a group of county archers to attend a national conference in South Dakota. The board allotted line item funds to be used for the event. Megan Pfau reported on camp progress and the planned activities.

Other areas of discussion included meat donation for the hamburger stand, council position vacancies, and state leaders forum.

The council adjourned at 10:15pm



### Congress 2006

Ravalli County is sending nine 4-H members to state Congress. 4-H members and chaperons will drive to Montana State University in Bozeman on July 11 and return July 14. Good luck to the 4-H members who will be competing in the following events:

<u>Ambassadors:</u>	Rob Nicholson Patrick DeNitto	<u>Project Showcase:</u>	Suzanne Niles
<u>Stir Ups:</u>	Danica Loucks Patrick DeNitto	<u>Speech, Demo Illustrated Talk:</u>	Patsy Burge
<u>Gavel Games:</u>	Sarah DeNitto Andrew Loucks Angela Seegraber Jake Schroeder	<u>Chaperons:</u>	Patrice Loucks Ken Loucks Laura DeNitto Katelyn Andersen
<u>Fashion Revue:</u>	Suzanne Niles	<u>Fashion Revue And Banquet Coordinators:</u>	Peg Andersen Margaret Yuhas

### CALLING ALL JUDGE VOLUNTEERS

**Interview judging is August 21 for nonperishable entries and August 28 for the perishables (Food and Horticulture). Call the Extension Office at 375-6611 to sign up to volunteer as a judge. Thank you in advance for your participation! 4-H members need to call to make an appointment for their interviews with the judges.**

### Can you help?

#### 4-H Booth at the FAIR needs one more cow

The hamburger stand currently has 4 lambs and 2.5 beef in donations. We still need 2 lambs. Donors can get a tax donation for the animal. Please contact Brent Huseby at 363-4226 if you can donate an animal. **Thank you to the following donors:**

#### **The Rebecca and Tom Campbell Family – 1 lamb**

**Deidra Markette – 1 lamb**

**Scott Nicholson – 1 lamb**

**Dave and Margaret Yuhas – 1 lamb**

**The Austin Family – ½ beef**

**Mike Meuchels – 1 beef**

**Matt and Teresa Pendergast – ½ beef**

**Wetzsteon Ranch – ½ beef**

\*Donors: Please contact Marty at Hamilton Pack to process the animal before fair. The 4-H Council will fund the processing fee.

#### National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament

As this newsletter goes to press, three Ravalli County archers, Val Phillips, Andrew Loucks and Sarah Simonsen are headed to Rapid City, South Dakota to compete in the National 4-H Shooting Sports Tournament. They will leave at the crack of dawn on Sunday June 25 and drive to Rapid City in one day. They will pick up the fourth member of their team, Donald Rosin, in Billings. Ken Loucks will accompany them as coach. Randy Phillips will help drive and coach. Nancy Roe from Helena will also be on board. Nancy organized the State Qualifying Shoot in April. This is the first time that Montana has sent an archery team to the National Shoot. After the three day competition the group will tour the Black Hills and Devil's Tower. They hope to camp at Devil's Tower. They will return home on Saturday July 1. Good Luck to the whole team! GO MONTANA!

#### **Are you interested in being a shooting sports leader?**

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports State Training team will host a state workshop this month. This is a great time to get certified since the class is located close to home in Missoula. The class is July 7-8 and registration will close once the class is full. The registration fee is \$50 and financial help is available through the 4-H Council. Please register ASAP if you are interested in the July class.

#### **Camping at the Ravalli County Fair (Info provided by Ravalli County Fair Office)**

Camping will be assigned in the designated area of the NORTH parking lot. Each space will be marked by the office staff and assigned to you for the duration of the Fair. Please be courteous to your assigned neighbors. Loud noise will not be allowed after 10PM, as many will have to rise early to care for their animals.

The fee will be \$20 for the four (4) days of Fair. However, you may arrive with your camper/trailer the Sat/Sun before Fair at no extra cost. Your rig must be removed within two (2) weeks after Fair.

Applications will not be taken before August 1, 2006. Registration accepted in the **Fairgrounds office ONLY.**

### Community Service Project Opportunity

Are you looking for a community service project? Do you want to spend time in the Bitterroot National Forest while doing your community service? Healthy Kids ~ Healthy Forests can help you find a project such as trail maintenance, pulling noxious weeds, picking up litter at campsites or other projects and will provide instruction, tools and safety equipment. Please contact Janeen Hetzler at 381-2951 for more information.

After October 2006, interested students can contact Julie Schreck, Conservation Education Coordinator for the Bitterroot National Forest, at 375-2606.

To liven up the newsletter, the extension office would like 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?

### 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:

**Katelyn Andersen: [katelyna@montana.edu](mailto:katelyna@montana.edu)**

**Phone: (406) 375-6611**

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### Indoor Exhibit Monitors Needed

During the week of fair, clubs need to sign up for Indoor Exhibit Monitors. We need two monitors per two hour shift and all Junior Leaders and parents are able to be exhibit monitors. Families are welcome to accompany monitors.

### 4-H Camp at Loon Lake

Well it is that time of year when temperatures go up and schedules fill up with fun activities. Its three weeks and counting till Ravalli County 4-H camp for 2006 kicks off for another jam packed week of fun. We have completely filled up with maximum capacity of 100 individuals signed up to attend camp this year. For those of you holding your breath in anticipation the theme of camp is Medieval and we have a lot of fun new workshops and programs planned this year. We're hoping it will be one of our best camps ever. Those that are signed up and wondering what to bring, you will be receiving a letter in the mail by next Tuesday. If you do not receive your camp information letter, please give Megan Pfau a call at 207-6949 and one will be sent to you ASAP. We can't wait to see everyone signed up for camp stepping off the buses Monday July 17 up at Loon Lake!

### 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

### How was the Citizenship Washington Focus this year?

Citizenship Washington Focus June 10 through 17, 2006 was an amazing experience. It was one of the most enjoyable weeks of my life. The Montana Delegation was 15 delegates and two chaperones. A total of 270 people in 8 delegations stayed at the National 4-H Center in Maryland while learning all about our country. Sunday we went to the Air and Space Museum, one of the Art Museums, and the Museum of Natural History. On Monday we went to Mount Vernon (George Washington's Estate). We went to many Memorials including the Vietnam, Korean, WWII, and Iwo Jima. As well as these we went to the Lincoln, Kennedy, and Roosevelt Memorials. Midweek we were able to meet with our Representative and Senators. One event that really stood out was the Twilight Tattoo. This was a military pageant that featured Soldiers of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) troop units and ceremonial units. As well as this The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps played and marched. They were really awesome to listen to with their flutes etc. The U.S. Army Drill Team was there also. They did a maneuver where they throw their rifles from the front line to the back line where they catch them. The U.S. Army Band Blues jazz ensemble played before the show started and vocalists from The United States Army Chorus and The U.S. Army Chorale sang to a few well known tunes. Later in the week we toured the White House and went to the Holocaust Museum, Spy Museum, and the National Zoo. The Metro and buses were really fun to ride and the city was amazingly clean. I really enjoyed meeting all of the other 4-Hers from the other states. The states that were there were Montana, Idaho, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan, and Tennessee. One of the greatest parts of all was just how kind everyone was the whole week.

By Andrew Loucks  
Ravalli County, Montana



### Fair Books are now available!

Fair Books are out in the county and available at the Extension office and the Fair office. **Entries for Fair must be submitted by Friday, August 11, 2006.**

### 4-H Horse Camp

Unfortunately, the 4-H Horse camp that was July 14 & 15, 2006 has been cancelled. The Extension Office will be returning the checks to those who are already enrolled in the camp. Thank you for your interest and hopefully next year we'll be able to make this run.

### Record Book Completion Check Sheet

This past year the 4-H Council decided to enforce the use of record books as a mandatory part of the 4-H fair and judging. Record keeping has always been a part of 4-H projects but the Council has noticed that not every member is completing a record. The record forms are meant to be a journal to record the 4-Her's accomplishments and triumphs in their life, both in and out of 4-H.

During the member's interview at fair, each 4-Her must present to the judge or leader their records. Each member must complete one "My 4-H Year" form, and a "Project and Financial Journal" form for each project submitted for the fair. If the project is an animal, the member must complete an "Animal Journal" form for each animal. \*Only one "My 4-H Year" has to be completed for the entire year.\*

#### *Criteria for a Complete 4-H Record*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Enroll in and complete at least one project
- \_\_\_\_\_ Identify and achieve at least 3 goals for the 4-H year
- \_\_\_\_\_ Submit your book which includes, as a minimum, the "My 4-H year" form, followed by the Project and Financial Journal, and if an animal is owned, the Animal Journal. You may include other things to personalize your book (i.e. photos, articles, ribbons, memorabilia)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete all sections of the "my 4-H year" journal form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Participate in at least 3 additional learning activities during the 4-H year and record them in your journal (i.e. speeches, demonstrations, judging, public presentations, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ List any awards and honors received – both 4-H and other
- \_\_\_\_\_ Complete the Project and Financial Journal for each project in which you are enrolled
- \_\_\_\_\_ If an animal is owned, keep records for it on the Animal Journal according to the type of project carried (i.e. breeding, market, companion animal, other)

In order to help enforce record keeping, 4-H members may be reduced one ribbon ranking (i.e. If the project is determined blue ribbon quality, the judges will give the member a red ribbon if they have no record books.) These forms are available at the Ravalli County Extension Office for \$0.25/form or for free online at [http://montana4h.org/index.php/montana\\_4\\_h\\_center\\_for\\_youth\\_development/forms/project\\_forms](http://montana4h.org/index.php/montana_4_h_center_for_youth_development/forms/project_forms)

Please contact Katelyn Andersen at the Extension Office 375-6611 for questions.

## 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 doing the following:

1. Write one of the following: any subject you would like.
  - A. Short story
  - B. Poem
  - C. Describe a personal experience such as - hunting trip, family vacation, falling off a horse, or a bicycle, etc...
  - D. A recipe with full description of how to make it.
2. For Ravalli County youth only. Must enter a 4-H or FFA project at the Ravalli County Fair.
3. Develop and implement a plan to improve your community. Involve at least, 3 other people including one or more adults.
  - A. Write your plan.
  - B. Organize people, material or equipment.
  - C. DO IT - complete your project.
  - D. Write a report upon completion, include photos if possible.

Remember this is meant to be a service project for your community, church, school, highway, neighborhood, campgrounds, Senior Center, etc...

Your completed community service project and those who participate will be mentioned in the newspaper and at the Ravalli County 4-H and FFA award ceremony.

4. Give 3 references with phone numbers, 4-H leader, neighbor, church leader, teacher, parents of a friend, etc...

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.

5. Interview will be required prior to Fair.
6. Deadline for entries: August 11, Friday at the Ravalli County Extension Service County Administrative Center, 215 South Fourth Street, Hamilton.

**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](http://www.geocities.com/ravallidogs)  
 Questions? Call Kimberly at 961-6936.

**Junior Livestock Jackpot Show**

Sidewinders club is hosting a Junior livestock jackpot show on Sunday July 23rd at the Ravalli county fairgrounds. The show is open to ALL youth under age 19 as of Jan 1 2006. Early registration is encouraged (entry form available at extension office) also will except registration the day of event. Entries for steer, heifer, swine and lamb. Your market project for the fair is a perfect entry. \$20 entry per animal and \$5 per showmanship class. Entry fees get jackpotted back to the kids dependent on class size. Other prizes awarded also.. For more info contact Becca Swindle 642-3162 or Chris Campbell 961-3458. This is a great opportunity to get your animals ready for the fair.



4-H The Power of YOUth



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**New Extension Agent hired for Ravalli County with emphasis in  
 4-H and Family and Consumer Sciences**

We would like to welcome Katelyn Andersen to MSU-Ravalli County Extension and to our 4-H program. She will be largely responsible for 4-H youth work and programs in the county.

Andersen is a recent graduate of the University of Wyoming and has her Master's and Bachelor's degree in Family and Consumer Sciences. Her Master's Plan B project was focused on clothing for preteen and teen girls. Andersen's coursework was in adolescent development, teaching adults, research in education, qualitative research, community nutrition and consumer issues.

Andersen was a Graduate Assistant for the University of Wyoming, Family and Consumer Sciences Department, which required her to teach university classes under the supervision of department professors. She was also active in a number of campus organizations and collegiate 4-H while at the University. She has served as president of Family and Consumer Sciences National Honor society for two years.

Recently, she was the recipient of the 2006 North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Award for outstanding work teaching undergraduate students. Andersen also received the 2006 Outstanding Graduate Student Award for the Family and Consumer Sciences Department at the University of Wyoming. In 2005, she received a graduate student scholarship for exhibiting outstanding performance in the area of research and classroom teaching.

Andersen has visited the Bitterroot Valley regularly during her graduate coursework and assisted with clothing projects in Hamilton last summer. She was also an interview judge for the 2005 Ravalli County Fair. Last summer you might have meet as Katelyn Holloway.

If you have any new ideas or improved approaches for the 4-H program, now is a good time to express suggestions. We would appreciate your ideas and a few thoughts how we could together accomplish your new idea. Contact Katelyn Andersen via email at [katelyna@montana.edu](mailto:katelyna@montana.edu) or call the Extension Office at 375-6611.