



# Ravalli County 4-H News

June, 2007

Dear 4-H Family Members:



We have all said the 4-H Pledge before every meeting but do you know what the four H's stand for? We use the 4-H is guild and organize how we provide experiences to our youth. In fact, the 4-H idea of practical and "hands-on" learning came from the desire to make public school education more connected to country life. Early programs tied both public and private resources together for the purpose of helping rural youth. (National 4-H Headquarters, 2007)

The following chart lists the skills that lead to mastery:

<i>Head</i>	<i>Heart</i>	<i>Hands</i>	<i>Health</i>
<b>Thinking</b>	<b>Relating</b>	<b>Giving</b>	<b>Living</b>
Learning to learn	Communications	Community Service–volunteering	Healthy life-style choices
Decision-making	Cooperation	leadership	Stress Management
Problem solving	Social skills	Leadership	Disease Prevention
Critical thinking	Conflict Resolution	Responsible	Personal Safety
Service learning	Accepting Differences	Contribution to group	
<b>Managing</b>	<b>Caring</b>	<b>Working</b>	<b>Being</b>
Goal setting	Concern for others	Marketable/useful skills	Self-Esteem
Planning/organizing	Empathy	Teamwork	Self responsibility
Wise use of resources	Sharing	Self-Motivation	Character
Keeping Records	Nurturing relationships		Managing feelings
Resiliency			Self Discipline

MSU research indicates that 4-H members are getting what all young people need to succeed in life: the confidence, compassion and connections with caring adults to make contributions to their communities. Montana 4-H is the MSU Extension youth development program and the state's largest out-of school program. 4-H reaches over 27,000 youth (ages 6-19 years) each year through more than 200 projects and educational activities. 4-H has something for everyone. (Montana 4-H Research Summary, 2007)

We have something to brag about – let's share the experience with other youth and families. Have a great July!

Katelyn Andersen  
MSU/Ravalli County Extension Agent

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## JULY

**July 10-13:** Congress, Bozeman  
**July 12:** Horse Committee Meeting  
**July 12:** Leathercraft Meeting  
**July 16 :** 4-H Council Meeting  
**July 18:** Evergreen Corner, p. 6  
**July 16-19:** 4-H Camp  
**July 22-27:** MT Natural Resources Youth Camp,

## AUGUST

**Aug 14:** Officer Retreat, 1-5 PM, p. 4  
**Aug 18:** JAKES Program, p. 5  
**Aug 20:** Non-Perishable Still Exhibits Judging  
**Aug 20:** 4-H Council Meeting  
**Aug 27:** Perishable Still Exhibits Judging  
**Aug 29-Sept 1:** Ravalli County Fair

## SEPTEMBER

**Sept. 30:** Last day of 4-H Year!

## OCTOBER

**Oct. 1:** New 4-H Year!  
**Oct 5-6:** Montana 4-H Leader's Forum  
**Oct 18-20:** Ambassador Fall Training

### 4-H Council Meeting

July 16, 2007

6:30 pm

Extension Meeting Room



### 4-H Hamburger Stand Needs Beef and Lamb

We are looking for 3 beef (any age) and 5 lambs (not older than 1 ½ years old). All animals are a tax donation.

**We currently have NO donations—please talk to people who could donate!**

Please contact the Extension Office if you can donate an animal. Thanks!



### Tack Sale Successful for the Barnyard Bunch and Ravalli 4-Her's

A year ago Quality Supply donated unsold inventory to the 4-H Council to use for a fund raiser which was sold at the Barn Yard sale bringing in \$275 for the 4-H Council. Thanks to the Club and to Quality Supply.

### Montana 4-H Leader's Forum Havre, Montana October 5-6, 2007

Mark your calendar now to attend this wonderful event! Learn new ideas and gain skills to serve our county. More information will be provided in the August newsletter.

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 [katelyna@montana.edu](mailto:katelyna@montana.edu) or delivered to the Extension Office. Check out the Ravalli County 4-H website: <http://www.homepage.montana.edu/~ravalli/>

Special thanks to

*Katie Freeman*

For putting together the Practice Rabbit Show

Thanks to all the members who attended this event.

Georgene Frandsen, Nadine Wisniewski,  
Leia Chapman, Emily Erhart, Denise Erhart  
and Virginia Chaffin.

Also MANY thanks to the following presenters who worked to make this all come together.



## What's Happening in 4-H?

### 4-H Council needs YOU!

There are several positions open on the 4-H Council Executive Board. It is a one-night-a-month commitment for three years. As a board member, you get to know the latest decisions made for our 4-H program and help promote and implement new programs.

Volunteers are the heart of 4-H. Call the office if you are interested or want more information!

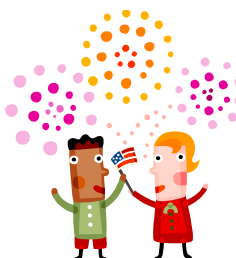
### Ambassador Fall Training

October 18-20

Are you interested in promoting 4-H? You can do so by being an Ambassador! Our Senior Ambassador: Patrick DeNitto and Junior Ambassador: Danica Loucks are looking for prospective Ambassadors to join their team. Attend Ambassador Fall Training to learn new leadership skills. Call the office to get signed up!

### Shooting Sports at Fair!

The Shooting Sports program will have a booth at the fair. The booth is to educate the public about the Shooting Sports Disciplines( archery, air rifle, hunting, shotgun, muzzleloader, etc.). We hope to excite kids and adults alike. Please call the Extension Office if you would like to work/play at our booth.



### 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 Teen Leaders and parents are able to be exhibit monitors. Families are welcome to accompany monitors. All clubs are expected to help carry the work load. Call the Extension Office at 375-6611 to sign up.

### Sign up for Hamburger Stand!

Get your spot reserved now for the 2007 Hamburger Stand. Every club is expected to help with a shift. If your club is small, you can be combined with a larger club. If your club is large (20 or more members) you should sign up for two shifts or 1 shift and help out a smaller club.

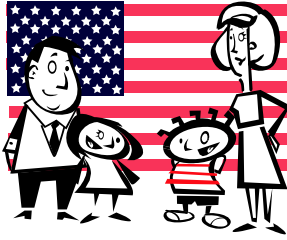
Call the office to sign up!

### Judges Needed for Still Exhibits

August 20, 27

We need volunteers are interested in interviewing 4-Her's for the fair! All areas: cooking, sewing, photography, woodworking, shooting sports, leadership—everything. The only restriction is that your child must not be entering projects in the area you judge.

As compensation, you will receive lunch and a free day pass! Call Margaret at the office to sign up!



### 2007 State 4-H Horse Show

Please consider sharing this with your 4-H Councils, Horse Committees, 4-H Clubs and others interested in the 4-H Horse Program in Montana. We would love to have a list of Class Sponsors and other contributors that is as diverse as the list of Exhibitors.

For State 4-H Horse Show updates, please visit the Horse Committee page of the Missoula County 4-H website: [http://www.missoulaeduplace.org/4H\\_committees\\_horse.php](http://www.missoulaeduplace.org/4H_committees_horse.php).

Hey Poultry Members!!!

- We need you on these work days: Saturday July 28 and/or Saturday August 18. Please come prepared to build cages and cut cage liners.
- You will need to bring, if you can, J clip pliers, gloves, box cutters, wire cutters, yard sticks and Tape measures.
- Questions: Please call Virginia Chaffin at 363-4793

### Club Officer Retreat August 14, 1-5 PM

Do you want to get a jump start on your club duties for next year? The Loucks Family will be hosting the event from 1-5 PM. Katelyn Andersen will be arranging speakers and activities to make this fun. RSVP by August 13 to the Extension Office.

### July Dog Days

See [www.geocities.com/ravallidogs](http://www.geocities.com/ravallidogs) for full information and schedules for the dog project. Questions? Call Kimberly at 961-6936.

### Dog Superintendent Needed for 2007-2008

Kimberly Dowling, our wonderful Dog Superintendent and 4-H leader is passing on the leadership to someone new. This position could accommodate a team of one or two people. Spend time with Kimberly this summer to show you the ropes. If you have an interest in taking on this project, please contact Kimberly, 961-6936 or Katelyn, 375-6611.

### Wildlife/Hunting Project!

We had a wonderful time at Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge. We learned a lot about birds and pond life. Our next meeting will be July 21. Time and location will be announced later. We will be putting together first-aid kits and planning our outdoor camp. The camp will be August 10-12 at Slate Creek Campground by Painted Rocks Lake. We will be having great experiences so come join us.

*Becky Doyle*

- We have 5 pygmy goats to give away.
- They were born in March of this year.
- Call **Patsy at 642-6846**.

- For sale: 3 year old Red Angus cow calf pair \$1,200 also 12 year old Black Angus \$700.00
- Call **Penny Menning @ 363-3570**.
- All in excellent condition.

## Ravalli Archery Members place 4-H Nationals

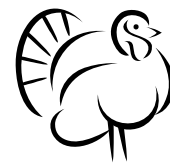
Ravalli County 4-H Archery Members joined forces with archery members from across the Montana to compete at Shooting Sports 4-H Nationals in South Dakota. Among the 451 participants and 36 states, Montana placed First in Olympic Archery Recurve and Second in Olympic Compound.

The members individual overall score: Josh Moore, 2nd; Val Phillips, 3rd; Sam Schneider, 5th; and Andrew Loucks, 7th; out of 451 participants—AMAZING!

More information to come next month!

## 1st JAKES in Montana

The National Wild Turkey Federation is sponsoring a JAKES (juniors acquiring knowledge, ethics, and sportsmanship) Conservation Day at Teller Wildlife Refuge on August 18<sup>th</sup>. All 4-Hers are encouraged to attend. Registration packages are available by calling Beckie Doyle @ 821-0945. It is going to be an awesome day!



## Livestock Committee Meeting

July 10, 2007  
7PM

Stevensville Main Street Association



## Horse Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 12 2007  
7:30 pm

Commissioners Meeting Room

## CONGRESS 2007 JULY 10-13 2007

This event is designed to provide educational and state level competitive events to Montana 4-Her's age 14 years and older as of Oct. 1, 2006.

Areas of competition:

Cora Vincent  
Lorelei Hallock  
Patrick DeNitto  
Sarah DeNitto  
Hannah Wight  
Andrew Loucks

Patsy Burge  
Nicole Veltkamp  
Adam Hooten  
Jake Schroeder  
Angela Seegraber.  
Kelsie Gardner

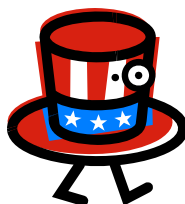
Our Chaperons (who are amazing to drive over and stay in the dorms with the kids and will have a blast!):  
Donna Gardner, Laura DeNitto, and Katelyn Andersen.

## LEATHERCRAFTERS MEETING:

July 12  
Extension Meeting Room  
6:30 pm to 8 pm

Come join the fun!

-Olive Parker, Leathercraft  
County Leader 777-1067



## CPR/First Aid Classes

- The Marcus Daly Hospital offers this class once a month for only \$32.00!
- This is a great skill to have in your toolbox when working with our youth.
- The 4-H Council is contemplating the idea of paying for part or all of the class. The hospital has also agreed to give a private class for our leaders!
- Call the office if you want to be CPR/First Aid Certified.

## Western Montana Fair 2007

Livestock members that plan to show at the Western Montana Fair they **MUST** be interviewed on Sunday, August 5, 1- 5 pm on the Fairgrounds, first-come, first-served. They **MUST** show up with up-to-date project and livestock journals. Those not complying will not be allowed to pen their animals at the Fair.

If a 4-H member needs an interview prior to August 5, they can call Kim Marr, 273-7043. There will not be any make up interviews after August 5.

Are you interested in working with parents to support kids in school and the community?

Ravalli County Schools are looking for **AmeriCorps Family Resource Center Coordinators for the 2007-08 Program**

- ~Building partnerships with educators, parents and community
- ~Increase family involvement
- ~Strengthen family literacy
- ~Increase volunteerism and civic engagement
- ~Enhance leadership skills

**Training and Team Support Provided**

Living Stipend, Health Insurance and \$4,725 education Award/Scholarship

**Contact Allison Kinney at Kids First 375-9588 for information and application**

**A GRAND OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO EARN \$1000 SCHOLARSHIP**



Bitterroot Leadership High and the AmeriCorps Program is making it possible for Ravalli County youth 17 and older to earn \$1000 education Award in their youth leadership programs.

Your 4-H leadership project, or school based service projects qualify you to participate in the JMG AmeriCorps program.

**For program information and application contact Allison Kinney at Kids First 375.9588**



**Can you Help?**

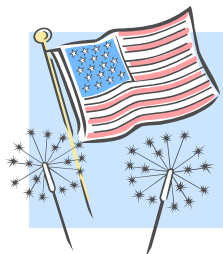
Evergreen Kids Corner needs your help.  
State & 8th Preschool Summer Camp needs small animals for  
**July 17 1-3:00 pm**  
We got Goats  
We got Rabbits  
We need Chicks and a Miniature Horse!

Please call the Extension Office if you are interested in helping the Evergreen Kids Corner .

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Healthy Families Como Fun Day**

will be Tuesday, July 10, from 10-2 at Lake Como Beach near Darby. This event is cosponsored by Healthy Families of Ravalli County, Kids First of Ravalli County, and the US Forest Service. Parking passes are not needed that day, and free lunch will be served. Literacy Bitterroot will have free books for children, Kids First will hold the famous Sand Castle Contest, and the Darby Fire Department will be there to spray water on the crowd and let kids climb up into the fire truck. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program will have bubbles and Smokey the Bear or Woodsy Owl will be there. Don't miss the free activities and information, and the opportunity to have a wonderful day at the lake with your friends and neighbors!

Woodsy or Smokey will be coming!!!



**Changes in the Extension Office**

Did you know our phone number? If you dial our old number (375-6245) it will be a busy signal because it has been disconnected. When we moved to our new location in December 2005, our number changed to 375-6611. Please use this number if you want to call our office.

## Ravalli County 4-H Camp – Loon Lake



Dear Campers & Parents:

Are you ready for camp? Here is some helpful information for you:

### BUS SCHEDULE:

#### Monday, July 1

These are **Departure** times. Arrive 15-30 minutes **earlier** to load

K-Mart Parking Lot, Hamilton	8:30 AM
Town Pump, Florence	9:15 AM

#### Thursday, July 19 (These are approximate times but are pretty accurate)

Town Pump, Florence	3:30 PM
K-Mart Parking Lot, Hamilton	4:15 PM

Bring a sack lunch to eat at the Polson Park on Monday.

We need to keep the buses clean.

### No dairy products are allowed on the bus!

You are allowed to drink soda as long as it is a SCREW TOP BOTTLE

If the buses are delayed please call the Extension Office, 375-6611, for information.

### THINGS TO BRING TO CAMP:

#### One dozen cookies (home-made preferred) for snack time.

- These will be collected as you board the bus.
- ID name labels on clothes, sleeping bag and luggage are helpful for lost and found
- Sleeping bag and pillow (you might want to bring an extra blanket)
- Flashlight, Insect Repellent, Sun Screen, Hat, Sunglasses (inexpensive kind), Rain Gear
- Personal care items, such as towels, toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, comb etc.
- Underwear -Shirts -Shorts -Pants -Closed toe shoes -Swimsuit -Water shoe -Jacket
- Set of warm clothes for chilly mornings and evenings, we are on a lake
- Loose - comfortable clothes that you don't mind getting dirt
- Something to wear to the dance on the last evening - casual

### THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME!

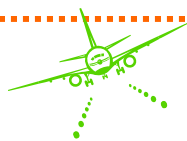
- Money
- Water guns or balloons. (You will have plenty of opportunity to get wet.)
- Valuables - jewelry, electronics, cell phones, cd's, etc.
- Food - we have plenty of snacks planned in addition to three meals a day.
- Anything with Speakers (we are bringing our sound system for the lodge)

## Postcard from Finland.....

Terve! Hey everyone! I'm having an awesome time here in Finland. I have been in Finland for about a week and with my host family for 5 days. I had the opportunity to explore Helsinki, the capitol of Finland. Now I am enjoying living the daily life with my host family: Sari, Jari, Henna and Tarja. Every morning and night I help milk the cows and then there is a variety of activities that happen in between. Often we go to the summer cottage that is close to the house and we sauna and swim. There are also games to be played like Pesapallo (Finnish baseball), Jalkapallo (soccer), Huijata or Lappu (card games). All the time I am learning more Finnish. Everyone talks very fast, but I am getting much better at understanding them. We just celebrated Juhannus, which is the midsummer. It never gets dark here so I can say I have been swimming at 11 o'clock at night. I have also been learning how to cook some Finnish food. We recently made Perunarieska (potato flatbread) and homemade juice from wild berries. I am looking forward to whatever else comes my way in beautiful Finland. See you when I get back!

*Danica Loucks*

**If you want to see a picture of Danica in Finland, visit the 4-H website!**



### IFYE in Ravalli County

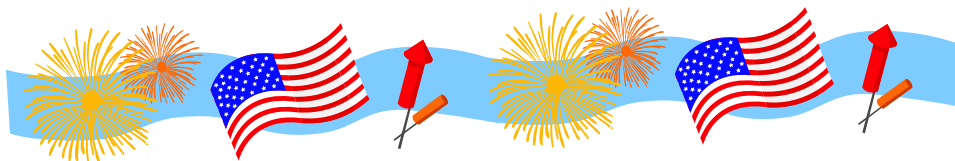
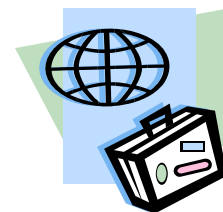
Whoa! We have a wonderful opportunity this summer to have cultural experience in Ravalli County.

**Danica Loucks** is visiting Finland in June and July – ask her to visit your club this next year.

**Fawns Family** will host a Japanese girl through the 4-H International Program this summer.

**Chung Kai Wang "Ken"** will be staying in our county from June 19th until July 8th. Does your club have any unique activities planned during that time? Call Patrice Loucks, 363-1919, if you have some ideas for field trips or would like to host Ken at a meeting.

Didn't know that 4-H offered such a program? Now you do! Contact our office with future questions or Stephanie Davison (406) 994-3502 at the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development.



## Record Book Completion Check Sheet

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)

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.



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.**



## The "Montana Heritage Award" 2007

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 10, Friday at the Ravalli County Extension Service County Administrative Center, 215 South Fourth Street, Hamilton.

**Boogie wants a horse-crazy kid!**

Boogie is an 8 year old registered Quarterhorse gelding. He is a bay, with two white pasterns. He is very handsome with a pretty head, big soft eyes, good neck and a great hip.

Boogie is a fully trained, finished cutting horse. He has \$33,000.00 in earnings in Cutting Horse competition. His manners are impeccable and his disposition is friendly and curious. He is easy to catch in a large field, great to shoe, bridle, saddle, tie-up and haul. He also is easy to clip and bathe.

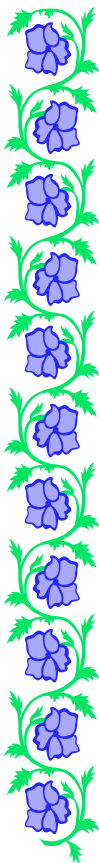
Boogie hurt his left stifle and can no longer be a cutting horse. He cannot be a barrel or gymkhana horse or be ridden in the mountains.

What he **CAN DO** is be your very best friend! He is sound for riding such as what the 4-H program offers. He can do walk, trot, and lope. He can do trail class. He can do halter and showmanship. And he can do it all with his new best friend ... you!

I am offering Boogie completely free to a very special 4-H child. When I was a little girl I dreamed of having a horse of my own. I would have given anything to have a horse to love and care for. I know that feeling when you look at a horse and want it so badly that it hurts. I want to find that special child that will love and take care of Boogie.

I want children currently enrolled in the Ravalli County 4-H program, including those enrolled in the Horseless Horse program to write a short essay on why they would like to own Boogie. They must be at least nine years old as of October 1, 2006.

For more information, please call the Office.

Natural Resource Camp

Ravalli 4-H will have Jackie Doyle attend this year's camp held at Lubrecht Forest Camp east of Missoula in mid July.

Thanks to the Bitter Root Conservation District Board for providing the scholarship enabling Jackie to attend.

This is a state-wide camp featuring all aspects of learning natural resources and experiencing activities in a natural setting. Doyle will be reporting back following camp and could be a program for clubs.

4-H HORSE CLINIC SCHEDULED

Sponsored and financed by the 4-H Horse Leaders Committee

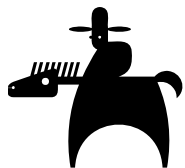
Instructors....Phil and Deb Page, Dillon, Montana

Place....CMax Stables, 657 Bass Lane, between Corvallis and Hamilton

Emphasis....Trail riding, general horse use and safety working around horses

Date....To be determined....either July 28 or August 4

Register at....Ravalli Extension Office, 375-6611, by July 26

**HORSE CLINICS FOR ANYONE**

Dan and Gretchen Thompson  
Licensed 3 Star Parelli Instructors

Generally two day clinics for each of Levels 1,2 and 3, plus 1 day workshops

CMax Stables, July 12 through July 16

For more info and fee call Lorri or Ethan at 406-381-0987. Visit [www.parelli.com](http://www.parelli.com) for additional info. They are also looking for a club to provide concessions for this event and it may only be for 1-2 days.

