



Ravalli County 4-H News

August 2008

Dear 4-H Family Members:

It's blue ribbon season – a season to work hard to earn blue ribbons and to have a blue ribbon attitude. 4-H is about making the best better and encouraging positive youth development. The fair is a wonderful culmination to celebrate our successes this past year and show off our projects and all the hard work.

4-H Members: Take the initiative to go through the record book checklist on page 11 of this newsletter. Ask a friend or parent to help you practice for your interview. During the judging time at fair, I personally challenge you to learn from the experience. Take each constructive criticism to make your project the best it can become next year. Remember to meet new friends and have fun!

Parents: Remember to encourage your child to roll with the punches, not everyone can win the Champion Steer! Encourage them to be the best they can by working with them on their record books, asking questions to ensure they know their stuff, and praise them. Take your youth, particularly youngsters, to all the buildings and challenge them to take a new project.

Leaders: This is your time to feel positive about the success you've help create in our youth! You helped each of your youth learn something new this year, be proud. Remember that this time may be scary with lots of unknowns around the corner. Take time to have a "new to fair" meeting with the parents and members who are new this year. Give them the tricks to have the best fair experience possible.

Have a great August and good luck with fair!

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4-H Calendar



- August 8:** Fair Registration Deadline
- August 12:** 4-H Corner Café Training –Required, p.2
- August 12:** Clean Indoor Exhibit Party, p.9
- August 17:** 4-H Fair Dog Show
- August 18:** Non-Perishable Interview Judging (All indoor projects, small animal and livestock interviews)
- August 20:** Decoration of Indoor Exhibits, p.9
- August 23:** 4-H Fair Horse Show
- August 25:** Perishable interview Judging Day(Indoor Projects only)
- August 27- 30:** Ravalli County Fair
- August 30:** 4-H Livestock Sale



- September 13:** 4-H Forum – See Org Leader for Details
- September 30:** Club 2007-2008 Treasurer Books due to Extension Office.

Record Book Check Schedule

Horse, Small Animal, Large Animal (except Dairy):

Monday, August 18, 9 AM to 4 PM
Community Building, Fairgrounds
First Come, First Serve

Dairy: Superintendent Steve Knoll will contact you to arrange record book checking.

Dog: Will be checked on Thursday, July 24 and final check will be on Dog Fun Day. Questions? Call Mickey, 777-1652

Record Book and Interview Judging Still Exhibits:

Non-Perishable Items: Monday, August 18

Perishable Items: Monday August 25

Please call the Extension Office, 375-6611 by Friday, August 8 to schedule an appointment.

4-H Corner Café Training

Tuesday, August 12

Ravalli County Fairgrounds

One adult leader from every club must attend a training on Tuesday, August 12 from 6-7 PM OR 7-8 PM at the Corner Café, Ravalli Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this extremely important training. Participants will be taught hands-on food safety information, how the hamburger stand will work this year, plus answer any questions.

Call Darlene 531-7602, Corner Café Manager, if you have any questions.

2008 Ravalli County Fair Book

The 2008 fair books are available now
Fair entries must be to the Fair office by Friday, August 8.

The 2008 fair book is available online at:
<http://www.ravallcountyfair.org/>

Questions? Call Rusty at 363-3411

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 20th of each month and be limited to one-half page. Newsletter items can be emailed to Ravalli@montana.edu or delivered to the Extension Office. Check out the Ravalli County 4-H website: <http://www.msuxextension.org/ravalli/>

Greetings All!

Fair is coming up fast! RC4H Advisory Council is working with the extension office to get everything in place ready to welcome 4H families and members. Be sure and read this months newsletter for:

- Corrections to the Fair Premium Book
- 4H Corner Café scheduling and menu changes
- Opportunities to volunteer and share your skills and knowledge with a grateful and truly outstanding group of kids and leaders
- Learn about the 4H Forum to be held in September

Thank you to all the 4H project, organizational leaders, and teen leaders whether you are officially enrolled as a leader's or just find yourself fulfilling that vital role in someone's 4H experience. You are who makes this whole community hum!

Sincerely,

Allison Dunne-Kinney

President, RC4H Advisory Council

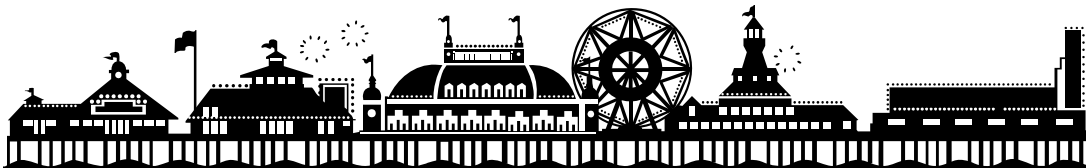
PS Thank you and Godspeed Talitha as you embark on your new journey in the Great State of Alaska....."On you Huskies!"

4-H Updates

Indoor Exhibit Monitors Needed Week of Fair

The 4-H Indoor Exhibit needs monitors every day of fair week from 11 AM to 10 PM, and Sunday from 10AM to 2 PM. It is preferred to have an adult or teen leader with a 4-H members in two hour shifts. Wendi Fawns, Tapestry 4-H Club Org Leader, will be arrange the schedule this year.

Please call Wendi, 961-4179, or email, wrfawns@yahoo.com, to schedule your time. Every club needs to volunteer for at least two hours.



4-H Corner Café (aka Hamburger Stand) Needed Week of Fair

The 4-H Corner Cafe needs workers every day of fair week from 8 AM to 10:30 PM. Darlene Harris, Corner Café Manager, will be in charge of the schedule this year.

Please call Darlene, 531-7602, to schedule your time.



4-H Club of the Month

Each month we would like to recognize the Accomplishments and Activities Of Ravalli County 4-H Clubs with a special Display in our office. The Club chosen will bring in pictures of special activities, art work, or project displays that the club has done the past month.

This month's club is: **Hoofbeats**

Dutch Oven News

The Sapphire Shamrocks Dutch Oven Cooking Project Group received a grant from the Rumble in the Root.

A set of Dutch Ovens and related equipment were purchased. These are available for 4-H members to check out.

Contact Danica Loucks 363-1919

Rabbit, Goat and Poultry members!!!

Don't forget to stop by for your interview to check the completion of your books. A table will be set-up outside the 4-H building. The interviews will be on a first come first serve basis between 9 and 3 on Monday August 18th.

If you have any questions about what complete project books mean, please call either the extension office at 375-6611 or Laura DeNitto at 273-4645

The interview is mandatory if you wish to show at fair.

State 4-H Horse Show

September 12-14, 2008 at the Sapphire Event Center

Please mark these dates on your calendar and notify your 4-H horse members and leaders. More information and registration materials will be available in the coming months and will be posted on the Montana 4-H website, it is currently available on the Sapphire Event Center website at <http://www.sapphireeventcenter.com/>.

Question of the Month

A little something fun for 4-Hers!

Bring the answer to our "Question of the Month" in and get your Project book or resource book certificate, a \$4.00 value.

A different project will be featured every month!

Topic: Scratching the Surface 1

Question: What are the long stiff feathers growing from the outer segment of the wing?

Answer to last month's question: Hamsters sleep during the day and are often active at night.

We need Leaders to make 2008 Ravalli County Fair a SUCCESS

Where can you help?

- Indoor Exhibit Monitors, every day of fair
- Record book checkers for Non-Perishable Judging Day (August 18)
- Record book checkers for Perishable Judging Day (August 25)
- Set up Indoor Exhibit Judging Day (August 22)
- Decorate Indoor Exhibit (August 20)
- Clean Indoor Exhibit (August 12)
- Indoor Exhibit Monitors (Week of Fair)
- Hamburger Stand Workers (Week of Fair)
- Livestock Sale Breakfast Coordinator (August 30)
- Office Help for Indoor Judging Days (Before Fair)
- Hamburger Stand Committee Members (Before and during fair)
- Call 4-H members who have not scheduled interviews for Indoor Exhibits (Week of Aug. 11)

Two statewide 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings

To include all disciplines (Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Muzzle Loading, Shotgun, Hunting, and Coordinator) in different locations to accommodate as many counties as possible.

September 5-6, 2008 - Baker – Location TBA
December 5-6, 2008 - Kalispell – Location TBA

The registration deadline is **April 25th** and a \$50.00 fee is required. The training will begin Friday evening from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. with the risk and liability section and conclude Saturday at 5:00 p.m. after a day of specific discipline training. Saturday's lunch is provided with the registration, but motel and travel costs are up to the individual or county 4-H program.

Each participant will receive a confirmation letter with directions, further details, etc. All participants will be asked to complete the 4-H shooting sports pre-test and to bring the test with them on Friday night. Any leader who has already attended a Friday night workshop will not be required to attend again and may come for Saturday only.

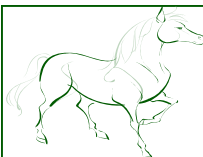
Call the office for a registration form!

State Leaders Forum
Great Falls MT
September 26-27, 2008
 (early-bird registration until Sept 2.)
Registration Limited - first 200
 Great Falls Holiday Inn.
 Large selection of workshops,
 Great keynote speaker
 Entertainment - Banquet.
 Call Extension to sign up: 375-6611



Committee Meetings

Livestock Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, September 23, 2008
 7 PM, Stevi Main Street Assoc.



Horse Committee Meeting
 Thursday, August 7, 2008
 7PM in the
 Extension Meeting Room

4-H Council Meeting
Monday, August 18
6:30 pm

Extension Meeting Room

Danica: Hey Taylor, congratulations on becoming Ravalli County's new Junior Ambassador!

Taylor: Thanks! I had a blast at Congress!

Danica: I know! It was an amazing experience. What was your favorite part?

Taylor: I liked getting to know teens from all over the state and catching up with people I met at other 4-H events.

Danica: And we got to spend time with those people doing some pretty awesome things. I especially liked getting a little bit dirty in our gardening community service.

Taylor: Me too, but I wish we had been able to participate in the other community service projects too. Especially the dog walking! the workshops were really cool . I learned a bunch.

Danica: Yeah, like that college preparation one with all the games. Who would've thought thinking about school could be so much fun?

Taylor: I know! It was also great to be in the dancing workshop—it was a good chance to stay awake after the late nights. How did you enjoy the competitions?

Danica: Stir-Ups was fantastic! I might have cooked my best Dutch oven meal yet, and all the competitors had delicious smelling food. I'm so happy for **Patsy Burge!** She had an amazing presentation and won! She gets to go to **National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia.**

Taylor: I'm so jealous! **You get to go for your state award in Dutch oven cooking, Patsy is going for Stir-Ups, and Lorelei placed 4th in the Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks so she gets to go too!**

Danica: Don't be sad, you'll get to go eventually! Now that you've seen the competitions, what are you going to do next year?

Taylor: All the events looked fun! There was Livestock Judging, Fashion Revue, Horse Judging, Horse Skill-a-thon, Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks, Stir-Ups, Gavel Games, Quilting, Public Speaking, and a wildlife event. I think I'm leaning towards a speech event or Stir-Ups.

Danica: Whatever you do, I'm sure you'll have fun. Now that Congress is over, we have to look towards fair. Remember, the **Teen Council Meeting August 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Victor Park.**

Taylor: I'm pretty excited for the 4-H promotion and service we are planning for fair.

Danica: It will be good to see all of our teen council friends again. But it would be cool if new people showed up too. They could help even though it's not the beginning of a 4-H year.

Taylor: I know, it's always great to have fresh ideas and more helping hands.

Danica: See you then!

Thank you to the 2007-2008 Teen Council Members...

Neil Campbell	Patrick DeNitto
Susanna Daniels	Mark Galeazzi
Kelsie Gardner	Lorelei Hallock
Casey Halstead	Colt Hudson
Dakota Hudson	Danica Loucks
Ashlee Reid	Taylor Shupert

And to the (amazing) leaders

Terry Halstead	Patrice Loucks
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Teen Council really rocked during its first year! They helped with County Club Officer Training. They planned and produced the Junior Rec Lab, a day that re-created State Rec Lab for 4-H members too young to attend the State Event! They planned and produced District One Teen Retreat at Loon Lake 4-H Camp. They are planning 4-H promotion at County Fair. They will have presence at Fair—watch for those green Teen Council polo shirts!

All 4-H members age 13 or older are welcome to join Teen Council. Please come to the August Meeting: Thursday, August 7, 6:30 pm, Victor Park—

Coming in October: A Project Workshop Fair! 4-H members will share activities from the project books—great way to decide which new projects in which you want to participate next year!

Practice Rabbit show was a hit!
Thank you to Katie Freeman for doing such a phenomenal job putting this on!



Barn Meetings Important

Don't forget your barn meeting. If you need to be at more than one at the same time ask your parent, leader or club member to attend the one you cannot. Barn meetings are held at different schedules. See Fair Book page 2.

Monday....

Beef...6:30 PM

Dairy...6:00 PM

Tuesday....

Sheep and Swine....8:00 PM

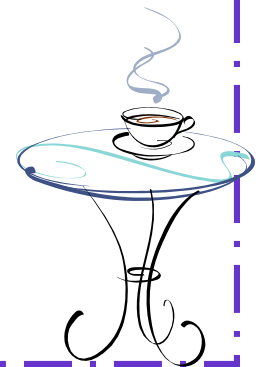
Cleaning Stalls or Pens

At the end of fair, you the exhibitors are responsible for cleaning your own area. Plan to bring equipment on Sunday morning to get the job done. **This year for pens not cleaned, the exhibitor will be charged \$20 per pen to have someone else do the cleaning. For swine pens left dirty, the fee for someone else to clean each pen will be \$50 (Fair Book).**

4-H CORNER CAFÉ PRICES

We will **NOT** be increasing our prices this year at fair. We will be adding new items and additional times!!

- Hamburger or Lamburger
- Cheeseburger
- Double Hamburger or Lamburger
- Double Cheeseburger
- Deluxe: Tomatoes, Lettuce, etc.—Add \$1
- Chips
- Pita Pizzas: Cheese Pizza 3.00; Veggie or Pepperoni 4.00; Everything 5.00
- Breakfast Burritos—open in the morning from Wed to Friday 7-11am. \$2.50
- Pita Pizzas will be available Tuesday night of fair week. Come get a sneak peek!



Showmanship Closet

What: Donate black pants, white shirts in good condition for other 4-H members to borrow during the fair. Clothes must be washed and ready to be worn again for the next fair.

How: Call Terry, 240-2878 or Casey 239-7685 to arrange a drop off

Why: Casey Halstead's community service project wants to help 4-H members!

Thank you for supporting my 4-H community service project and the 4-H youth.



In 2008, the National Christmas Tree will travel from Ravalli County to Washington D.C. The Montana 4-H Program has committed to donating 2000 ornaments. How

many will your 4-H Club do? If you are interest in making some in school or another organization, that's good too!

Each Young Montanan between the ages of 5 and 19 who submits an ornament may complete a Trip Entry Form to enter to win a FREE TRIP to the official Tree Lighting in Washington, DC in early December 2008!

Your organization has the information about the ornaments or call the Extension Office. Visit the website: www.capitolchristmastree2008.org

Farmers Market Opportunity

Free set up for 4-H kids in the Horticulture projects!

Great opportunity to learn about the agriculture market and experience to add to your Project and Financial Journals! Cal Laura Craig to reserve a space at Farmer's Market: 961-0004

Goat Barn Cleanup

August 4th 9:30 am

Call Lorelei Hallock for more details on what to bring! 961-3214

Tour of Sugar Loaf Wool Carding Mill
Phillipsburg, MT

Sheep members are welcome to join Missoula County 4-H members on a tour of Sugar Loaf Wool Carding Mill to learn more about the process. Interested? Call Sarah DeNitto, 273-4645

**CORNER CAFÉ MEAT DONATIONS
THANK YOU!**

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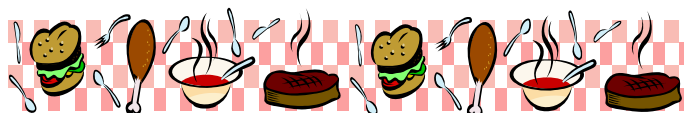
Dan Severson Sam Nuxol
Rob Johnson Jim Ellingson

STEERS:

Matt and Theresa Pendergast

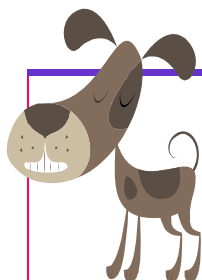
We still need:

1 Steer



Reminder!

Sign up for Still Exhibit Interview Judging!
 Non-Perishable: August 18
 Perishable: August 25
 Call the office for your appointment!
 375-6611

**Summer Dog Clinic Schedule:**

August 7th Final Dog Practice "Fun Match" 7pm final check
 for books

AUGUST 17TH 11:00 AM 4-H DOG SHOW @FAIR
 GROUNDS

If you need help or have questions, please call Mickey, 777-1652.

**Remember your Thank
You's.....****Large Animal Buyer Thank You
Cards**

Buyer thank you cards need to be ready sale participants to give to buyer at the Sale Saturday morning. Please have them ready. The sale will also have cards if you need one. Livestock leaders will help you identify your buyer and help you get your card to them. If you send your card after the Sale, a copy should be brought to the Extension Office. Proof of thank you sent or given is necessary to receive your Sale check.

**Indoor Exhibit Special Premium
Winners**

Remember to go to the Grandstands during fair to write your Thank You card to your premium donor. Look on the wall for your name and tell the monitor you would like to write your card. They will have cards and addresses there for you. Must write your letter before your special award will be sent to you!

Entry Day Barbeque

Host: Mountain West Coop, Stevensville
 Date: Entry day, August 29, Tuesday evening at 6 PM
 Place: Hornung Arena, Fairgrounds

This is a generous and needed meal for busy livestock exhibitor families. Please thank the Coop crew---Will, Tim, Burr...
 There is no charge.

**Cleaning Indoor Exhibit
With Root Beer Float Party**

When: Tuesday, August 12
 Time: 6-8 PM

Youth or adults can help clean the cobwebs in the indoor exhibit to get ready for fair time. Coordinates with 4-H Corner Café Training (see p. 2) to allow a leader to get trained and a youth in the indoor exhibit. Get a Root Beer Float at the end!

Questions? Call Holly Shupert 961-4868

**Decorate Indoor Exhibit
With Pizza Party!**

When: Wednesday, August 20
 Time: 10-2 PM

Anyone is welcome to come decorate the indoor exhibit and get a sneak peek to the showcase of 4-H projects! Pizza party for lunch.

What to join the party? Call Holly, 961-4868

4-H Council Financial Request Proposal

Budget Area: Guitar Funds

The 2007 Ravalli County Fair provided the 4-H program with a wonderful opportunity. Leroy Van Dyke, one of the performers on Saturday Night Concert, auctioned off a guitar and all proceeds went to the 4-H Program. Steve Benedict won the guitar for \$6,200, which was invested in a savings account this past year. The 4-H Council would like to use this money to support special projects or needs in the Ravalli County 4-H Program, with a portion of the funds to use at the 2008 Fair.

Send Completed Applications To: *Ravalli County 4-H Advisory Council*, 215 S. 4th Street, Ste. G, Hamilton, MT 59840. You will be notified that your application has been received. If you do not receive notification, call 375-6611.

Guidelines: It is recommended that applicants provide evidence of in-kind contributions (i.e. volunteer hours and non-monetary contributions) and matching funds in the project budget.

Application Instructions: Please complete the application information following the stated guidelines. Fill out items #1-#16 on two pages typed. Add a third page that contains your project budget.

Do not send this instruction page or a cover letter with your application.

1. Name 4-H Member, Leader or Club:
2. Address:
3. Telephone:
4. Name of Contact Person:
5. Area and population served:
6. Statement of purpose for program/project:
7. Description of program/project:
8. Statement of need for the program/project:
9. Does this program/project duplicate another service? If yes, explain why proposed service is needed?
10. Timetable for the program/project:
11. Describe the outcome of this Project:
12. Total Cost of Project _____ (*Itemized project budget must be included as the third page*)
13. Amount from Other Sources _____ (*Itemize this and in-kind contributions in your project budget*)
14. Amount Requested from 4-H Council Guitar Fund: _____
15. Name (person submitting application) _____
16. Title _____ Date _____

At the July 4-H Council meeting four proposals for use of Guitar Funds were approved: 1) Lighting in the 4-H exhibit building—\$2000, 2) Extra transportation costs for camp - \$800, 3) Upgrade the electrical breaker in the Beef Barn—\$500, and 4) two cameras and accessories for use at camp photography workshops and project work year round—\$350. \$2,238.88 has been reserved for 4-H members' proposals for individual needs.

Members are encouraged to submit proposals (guidelines above)



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

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



4-H Website Updated!!!!

We updated our website server to be easier to remember the site for you and easier to update for us. Please update your bookmark to:

<http://www.msuextension.org/ravalli/>

Get your 4-H newsletter online!