



Ravalli County 4-H News

September, 2008

Dear 4-H Family Members:

Fair 2008 was a success in many ways. I appreciate you as members and leaders taking an active role in the program and helping our office.

After fair, many parents and leaders call the office or talk to a friend about "what's wrong about this" or "this needs to be changed." **Fortunately you as a member of the 4-H community have the power to make that change.**

The role of the MSU Extension is to provide education and support to the 4-H program through evaluation and training. The Extension Agent reviews and approves policies created by 4-H committees and the 4-H Council to ensure that they are appropriate and upholds the standards set by MSU Extension. You as a leader are the one to make events happen, gather special premiums, conduct fundraising, recommend policies and help work with our office to make our program strong.

Many times the role of the Extension agents and the office are blurred and leaders believe it is our responsibility to do the tasks designated for leaders. **The 4-H program is for everyone to be involved—not just a select few.**

Want to do something about it? Come to our 4-H Forum on Saturday, September 13 and we as a group can address issues and make plans. It will be from 9-3 PM at the Extension Meeting Room. Can't attend? Come to 4-H Council meeting or a subcommittee, or call me at the office and I can help you find the committee (or create one) that addresses those concerns.

Have a great September!

Katelyn Andersen
MSU/Ravalli County Extension Agent

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4-H Forum

Saturday, September 13
9AM until 3PM
Extension Office

- Be part of a great discussion!!
- Help develop the 4-H Program that serves children and youth in Ravalli County.
- No experience necessary just an interest in our kids!
- Adults and Teens welcome to participate!

We hope YOU can attend!
Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP ASAP to the Extension office so we have a lunch count.
375-6611.

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SEPTEMBER

Sept 13-14: State Horse Show, p. 5
Sept 13: 4-H Forum, 9-3 PM, Extension Meeting Room
Sept. 15: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
Sept 19: Fall Ambassador Training Application Due!
Sept 23: Livestock Meeting, 7PM
Sept 26-27: Montana 4-H Leader's Forum
Sept. 30: Last day of 4-H Year!

OCTOBER

Oct. 1: New 4-H Year!
Oct 6-10: National 4-H Week!
Oct 20: 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30
Oct 16-18: Ambassador Fall Training
Oct 28: Livestock Meeting, 7 PM
Every Tuesday Evening: Leader Training, p. 4

NOVEMBER AND BEYOND

Org Leader Training
 4-H Council Training
 4-H Leader Training
 Leadership Workshops
 Club Officer Training
 Shooting Sports Training—Kalispell, Dec. 5-6



Livestock Committee Meeting September 23, Thursday, 7:00 pm Stevensville Feed and Farm

Agenda will include discussion of 2008 Fair and starting to identify any needed improvements. We will also plan on committee officer elections to be held in October. If anyone is interested in being an officer, this is a good time to step forward.



The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

You can gain statewide or even national recognition for demonstrating outstanding volunteer community service by getting involved!

This is a prestigious, independent awards program that recognizes young people in grades 5-12 solely on the basis of their volunteer activities.

4-H participants can apply online at: www.prudential.com/spirit or www.principals.org/prudential.

Applications must be complete, printed out, signed and submitted to Katelyn Andersen by October 31, 2008.

Our 4-H program will select 1 middle level Local Honoree (grades 5-8) and 1 high school Local Honoree (grades 9-12). There are lots of awards, grants and recognition.

Call the office for more details!

Fall Ambassador Training

Thursday, October 16 – Saturday, October 18, 2008
 Fairmont Hot Springs

Who: Teens who want to take on a leadership role in the program

Fall training is a chance to learn more about the ambassador program, share ideas with other ambassadors across the state and get re-energized about 4-H. This training will be an exciting, hands-on experience which will teach you leadership and communication skills needed to be an active county ambassador. The weekend will also include fun social activities: swimming, games, dances, a formal dinner, and entertainment.

Registration is due Friday, September 19 by Noon to our office. First-time attendees take precedence.

4-H Council Meeting

September 15, 2008

6:30 pm

Extension Meeting Room

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 ravalli@montana.edu or delivered to the Extension Office. Check out the Ravalli County 4-H website: <http://www.msuxextension.org/ravalli>

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 2008 Ravalli County Fair! Here is a special thank you to the volunteers who went an extra mile:

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

Darlene Harris: for the countless hours managing the Corner Cafe!

All the clubs who helped at the Corner Cafe and those who spent extra time cleaning out the barns and the indoor exhibit building.

Scott Nicholson, Megan Yuhas, Kimberly Meade-White, Dan Cranmore, DeeAnne Cranmore: for the photography during the fair

Laura DeNitto: for the Small Animal Auction

Ginger Desrosier and Suzanne Leese with the Silver Spurs for organizing the Livestock Sale Breakfast

Stevensville Main Street Association: for cooking the Livestock Sale Breakfast

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

Monica Lewis: for writing all the checks for special premium and keeping us so very organized!

The Superintendents:

4-H Building: **Wendi Fawns, Louis Gardner**

Goats: **Julie Schram**

Beef: **Tad Hancock, Matt Pendergast, Butch Sharbono**

Horse: **Coral Maxwell**

Cats: **Nancy Davis**

Pocket Pets: **Virginia Chaffin**

Dairy: **Steve Knoll**

Poultry: **Virginia Chaffin**

Dogs: **Mickey Powell**

Rabbits: **Katie Freeman**

FFA: **Josh Perkins**

Sheep: **Margaret Yuhas and Mary Koenen**

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

Update your Email and Website Address for the Extension Office

Our office is welcoming new members onto our team so we are updating our contact information and website. If you would like to reach our office, Carrianna, our new Administrative Assistant, can be reached at 375-6611 or email us at ravalli@montana.edu. Our Agriculture Extension Agent, Bobbie Roos joined our team on August 11. She can be reached at broos@montana.edu or by calling 375-6611. My contact information, as the 4-H/Youth Development and Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent, will remain the same, katelyna@montana.edu or 375-6611. Sally Blevins, our Food Stamp Nutrition Education (FSNE) Nutrition Assistant, can be reached at sblevins@montana.edu.

All other email addresses will no longer reach our office, please update your records. Our website address has also been updated to: <http://www.msuxextension.org/ravalli/>.



Montana 4-H Leader's Forum
 "Fall Into Leadership"
 September 26-27, 2008
 Great Falls

First time attendees can go for \$5!!
 Call the Extension Office for details!

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!



2008 State 4-H Leaders' Forum

Salmon High School
 Salmon, Idaho

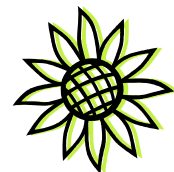
Come to Salmon, Idaho for the
 Idaho Leader's Forum!

October 24-26, 2008

Call the office if interested!



ROAD TRIP!



Colorado is ROUNDING UP 4-H LEADERS & FRIENDS OF 4-H

2009
 Western Regional
 4-H Leaders' Forum

Let's Round Up in
 Denver, Colorado
 Wednesday—Sunday
 Feb. 25—March 1, 2009

Marriott Denver City Center

5 days of
 Education, Fun and Fellowship

67th Annual Alberta 4-H Leader's Conference 2007 January 9-11, 2009

Montana 4-H has been invited to send adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference. Meals, lodging and registration are covered by Canadian sponsors.

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, 2008. Please contact the Extension Office for more information and application form.

