



Ravalli County 4-H News

December 2008

Montana Treasure By Mike Logan, Montana Cowboy Poet

Way up in the misting Sapphires
There grew a wonderous tree.
A hundred years it stood there
In a range high, wild and free.

Tall and straight as an arrow
It pierced high country skies,
Gained symmetry and beauty
And grace and shape and size.

As though through mountain magic,
Some forest wizardry
All things beneath and around it
Came to be a part of that tree.

Its limbs felt the prowl of the cougar,
Heard the bugle of a phantom bull,
Watched the waddle of a porcupine,
And a moon that was almost full.

It knew the white hot lightning
And thunder of a long gone storm,
The velvet touch of the sunrise
When the air was sweet and warm

Enduring the fury of the blizzard,
It bowed 'neath the weight of the snow,
Looked down on the track of the mule
deer
As the gray wolf passed below.



It fed and sheltered the pine squirrel,
Saw the blue grouse mating dance,
And the ambling gait of the grizzly
As he grazed on the new-green plants.

The ghostly hoot of the owl at night
The haunting yodel of the loon,
The howl of the lonesome coyote
Gave voice to its mystic rune.

All these gifts together
Formed the fowl of this shining tree
A glowing Sapphired jewel
For all the world to see.

This Christmas all Montanans,
In honor of The Christ Child's birth,
Send, along with this mountain treasure,
Our wish for "PEACE ON EARTH".

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DECEMBER

Dec. 5-6	4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training in Kalispell
Dec. 5	County Rabbit Project Meeting
Dec. 6	Horse Clinic 10AM—2:00PM
Dec. 11	Horse Committee Meeting Canceled due to holidays!
Dec. 15	4-H Council Meeting has been canceled due to holidays!
Dec. 19	JC, Group Leader Camp Applications due to Extension Office.
Dec. 21	Dutch Oven Project Workshop
Dec 23	Livestock Committee Meeting has been canceled due to the Holidays!

JANUARY

Jan. 3	Beef Weigh-In: 9AM-1PM
Jan. 5-8	JC/GL Interviews
Jan. 14	Project Leader Training
Jan. 19	4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 PM
Jan. 20	Legislative Breakfast, Helena
Jan . 27	Livestock Committee Meeting
January	County Goat Meeting
January	County Poultry Meetings
January	Club Officer Training

FEBRUARY

Feb. 19	Stir-Ups, p. 7 for more info Horse Show Series beginning in February
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The Capitol Christmas Tree journey and ornament campaign is coming to an end. The tree has been traveling around Montana and the U.S. , since the tree cutting ceremony on Saturday, November 1. You can see the MSU Extension logo, and The 4-H emblem on the truck's banner, among all the many signatures from the people who have visited the tree.

If you know of anyone who will be in the D.C. area on Monday, December 1, please let them know there will be a celebration at the National 4-H Center from 5 to 6:40 PM. The Montana A Cappella Society will be singing as a part of the event.

Congratulations to Chris Gabrielsen the Montana 4-H member chosen by drawing to go to the tree lighting ceremony in Washington DC! Also attending will be our own Katelyn Andersen who has put much effort into this years Capitol Christmas Tree Project!

Once again, thank you for your help in making memories for our 4-H members! We received over 6000 ornaments, which surpassed our minimum goal of 3000 and our real goal of 5000 ornaments.

Thanks For Representing 4-H!



LAKELAND FEED WOULD LIKE TO THANK
THOSE OF YOU WHO USE THEIR PRODUCTS
AND ADVERTISED THEIR FEEDS IN YOUR STALLS
AT THE FAIR.
AS THEIR THANK YOU WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE
SENDING OUT GIFT CERTIFICATES TO THOSE WHO
PARTICIPATED- LOOK FOR THOSE IN THE MAIL!

Newsletter Update!

For the 2008-2009 4-H year, you can choose how you will receive your newsletter! Make sure you choose whether you want to get your newsletter by postal mail or email/online when you re-enroll. Visit the newsletter online: <http://www.msuextension.org/ravalli>

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.msuextension.org/ravalli>

2009 Legislative Breakfast

The 2009 Legislative Breakfast will be held Tuesday, January 20, 2009 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena.

- There are funds available thru the 4-H Council to help with these expenses.
- Space is limited as we are only allowed to send 15 4-H Representatives. In the event more 4-Hers want to attend we will give preference to those who have not attended in the past.
- If this opportunity interests you contact the Extension Office for more details.

Save the date!

4-H Carnival
Corvallis Gyms
Saturday, March 28, 2009

Camp Leadership Opportunities

Apply to be a Group Leader, Junior Counselor or Youth Director for 2009 Ravalli County Camp!

Applications are available online, through Extension Office or via email (preston1163@msn.com). *They are due back to the Extension Office no later than 5 PM on Friday, December 19.*

Camp 1: Ravalli County 4-H Camp
(Geared for youth 4-H age 8-12) July 25-28

Camp 2: Teen 4-H Camp (Geared for youth 4-H age 12 and up) July 29-August 1

Junior Counselors (JC) must be 13 as of Oct. 1, 2008

Group Leaders (GL) must be 12 as of Oct. 1, 2008



4-H Citizenship Seminar

March 1-3, 2009

- This event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- Place: Helena, Montana at the State Capitol Building
- Dates: This event will begin on March 1 at 1:00 pm and end on March 3 at 8:30 pm.
- Program includes: **Service Learning**—The Leadership Team, **Bills** - Each delegate is expected to sponsor a potential "Bill" suitable for the 4-H legislature to act on. This should be submitted to Stephanie Davidson (sdavidson@montana.edu) by February 1, 2009. **History Bowl** - counties may send teams of two individuals to compete in the Montana History Bowl. A preliminary written test given on March 1 will determine those teams to participate in the final event.
- Eligibility: 4-H members must be 14 years of age by Oct. 1, 2008 who have not previously attended any Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar.
- Returnees: Will have the will have the opportunity to serve as the Leadership team.
- For more Details / Registration information on this excellent opportunity please contact the 4-H office at 375-6611.



Western Region Leaders' Forum: Denver, CO - February 25 - March 1, 2009

Early-Bird Registration Deadline: 12/1/08

Official Conference Website:

<http://colorado4h.org/wrlf09/>

Information regarding Registration, Hotel, Schedule, Tours and Workshops is located at the official website.

Registration: Available online or via mail.

Deadlines

Early Bird: postmarked December 1, 2008 \$225.00

Regular: postmarked January 15, 2009 \$250.00

Late/Onsite: postmarked February 15, 2009 \$275.00

For other questions or information call the Extension Office at 375-6611



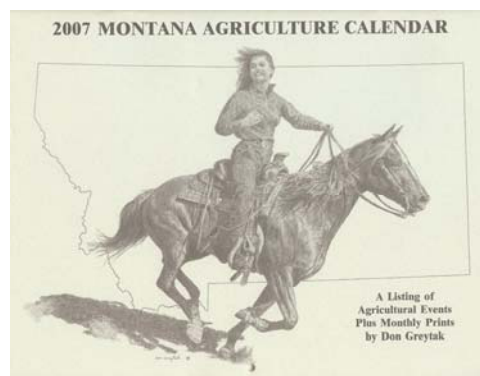
The Clover Club is selling wreaths again this year! For each Wreath purchased the Bitterroot Evergreens will donate \$10.00 to the Clover Club!!! So order your wreaths from 4-h at :
www.cloverclub4h1@yahoo.com

For Pricing and additional items available go to: www.evergreenwreath.com
 If placing your order at this address please put (Clover Club) after your name so the kids get credit!

Thank You for your support and Happy Holidays !!

Victor Clover Club

Place your order for the 2009 Montana Agriculture Calendar, they are just \$10! It features prints by Don Greytak. Supplies are limited so order early! The proceeds of the calendar sales help to support 4-H programs in Montana. Order your calendar by dropping by the Ravalli County Extension Office!



Remember:

If your club is planning a fundraiser, you must call our office for pre-approval! Thank you!

4-H International Programs – If you're in 4-H and have always wanted to travel abroad, you can apply to go to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland or Japan in the summer of 2009. You'll travel with other 4-Hers from around the country, accompanied by at least one chaperone, and stay with a host family during the exchange. In addition, you'll get to see some of the sights in the major cities like Sydney, Helsinki and Tokyo. In Costa Rica, you'll visit a rain forest. When you return to Montana, you'll get to continue the exchange by making small presentations to your schools, 4-H clubs or other community organizations that want to hear about your cool adventure.

For volunteers or 4-H staffers over the age of 25, you can apply to chaperone one of the trips listed above. The applications are reviewed on the national level and preference is given to those who have significant experience chaperoning youth and to those with previous International travel experience (not required).

IFYEs – former 4-H members can travel for up to six months on the IFYE program. Choose the country(s) of your choice and the 4-H Center will work with you and the destination country to put together an exciting exchange. IFYEs can expect to help their host families work on their farms and ranches.

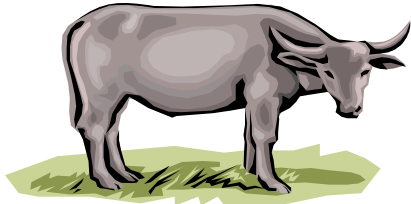
The application deadline for all of the programs listed above is **January 15, 2009**. Applications are available online at www.montana4h.org or by contacting Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or sdavison@montana.edu

Nominations are being accepted to appear on the Ravalli County 4-H Advisory Council Election Ballot

Districts up for re-election:

- District 1 Florence - (Florence Flyers, Happy Hearts, Bitterroot Shooting Stars)
- District 2 Stevensville - (Ravalli Wranglers, Silver Spurs)
- District 5 Victor/Corvallis - (Rocky Mountain Kids, Clover Club, Big Sky Horizons, Piney Pioneers)
- District 7 Corvallis - (Rocky Mountain Ranchers, Willow Creek Critters, Tapestry)
- District 9 Darby - (Bitterroot Saddlebusters)
- At Large C _____ - , At Large D _____

If you have someone interested in being on Council and your district is not on this list, please have them contact Patrice Loucks, 363-1919. If all the slots are not filled by ballot time we will fill with out-of-district leaders.



ANNUAL BEEF WEIGH IN: January 3, 2009

Time: 9:00 pm—1:00 pm

Place: Sutherlin Farms , 415 Spooner Creek Ln, Stevi
Please bring your animal and Bill of Sale

For More Information Contact: Matt Pendergast, 777-3000

If you have a **Miniature Steer, please contact the Extension Office. You will need to compete at the 2009 Missoula County Fair**

PROJECT LEADER TRAINING

Jan. 14 6-8 PM

Location TBA, please RSVP at MSU Extension

Come learn tips and tricks of being a project leader in your club or county. This will:

- Help you in promoting the educational classes
- Offer locations for meeting rooms in the valley
- Learn your learning style and others, which will help you teach better
- Help you use the project manuals most effectively!



Washington

Questions? Call Extension Office



CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

Date and location to be announced
Interested? RSVP at MSU Extension

All club officers and any 4-H member interested in furthering their leadership skills are welcome to attend.

Learn new team building activities and get the scoop on your new position!

Questions?
Call Danica: 369-2586



HORSE COMMITTEE NEWS

Horse Committee is having a clinic at the CMax Arena December 6th 10 am to 2 pm. \$5.00 per rider, bring your horse and a sack lunch. Riders and Horses will be divided into rotating groups to work on different obstacles. We will start with ground work/showmanship and follow up with riding. Hope to see you there.

Also the Bitterroot Saddlebusters will be riding at the CMax Monday nights Starting December 1st. 6pm to 8 pm. The fee to ride is \$5.00 per rider/horse. There will be no riding the 2nd Monday of each month as that is our book meeting night. Also if the weather turns cold 25 degrees or less at 5pm or the roads are treacherous, there will be no riding. We welcome anyone to come ride with us.

For more information on either of the events call Coral Maxwell at 821-3413.

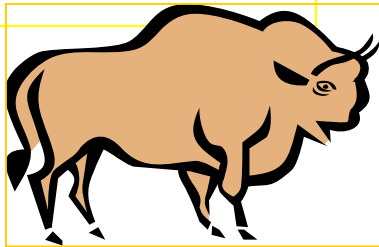


NEED TO FIND A PROJECT ANIMAL TO BUY? HAVE ANIMALS TO SELL? PUT A FLYER IN OR GET INFO FROM OUR 4-H 4-SALE RESOURCE BOOK OR CALL 375-6611

County Wide Rabbit Meeting
Friday, December 5th
7:00PM
At: Stevensville Feed and Farm
For More information
Contact : Katie Freeman
At 207-6218



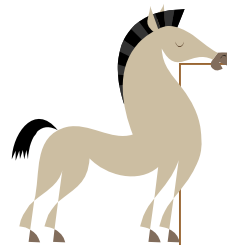
Livestock Committee Meeting
January 27 at 7:00 pm
Location: Stevensville



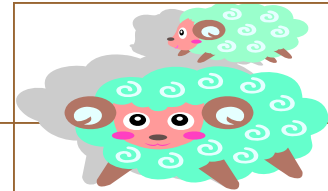
4-H Council Meeting
December 15
Is canceled on account
Of the busy Holiday Season!



Shooting Sports
Leader's Training
DEC 5-6 IN KALISPELL
For more info
call 375-6611.



Horse Committee Meeting
Thursday
December 11
Is canceled on account
Of the holidays!



CALLING 4-HER INTERESTED IN A SHEEP PROJECT

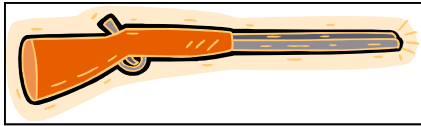
I have 2 targahee ewes cross that are 4 years old going on 5 this spring. They were used for meat and wool.

They were 4- H projects and used for the breeding project. My girls left for college and unfortunately did not take the sheep.

They are very well mannered. They have not been bred for 2 seasons and really need a job. They did very well at the fair and have had very nice babies that I have had no trouble selling in the past. I would like to give them to a good home with all their accessories. Halters, slinkies for the babies, wool card and anything else I may have.

My number is 273-6096, 207-0790 or email kimswan444@hotmail.com

Attention goat project kids or those interested in learning about the goat project. I would like to start county wide goat meetings in January. Please email me at : icknree2@msn.com your names and contact information so I can organize our first meeting. Please include area's of interest, concerns, ideas, etc. I look forward to a fantastic goaty year! Items to look forward to: discussions on herd management, feed programs, kidding season and more! Heidi Etter.

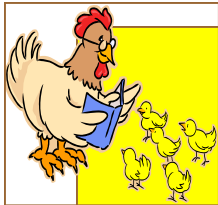


Ravalli County Shooting Sports

There are now 60 archers and 20 air rifle. (80 total), meeting at the Elusive Moose Archery and Hunting Center

There are 15 clubs represented.

The sessions are now closed to new enrollment. Beginning Archers can start a 6 week class the first week in January. Contact Ken Loucks, 363-1919.



North Bitterroot Valley Poultry Workshop

January 09

Place and time to be announced

Please contact

Virginia Chaffin at 363-4793
or Laura DeNitto at 273-4645

Workshop will cover 4-H work book, Scratching the Surface, poultry diseases, housing, breeding, breeds and where to purchase. Have Questions? We have answers!

South Valley Poultry Workshop in January
If you are interested, please contact Virginia in December.

Black-Tailed Japanese Buff
Bantam Rooster
Free to a good 4-H home
If interested please contact
Pat Heller at 777-3581



STIR UPS! 2009 – Theme: “Family Traditions”
This 4-H Cooking Competition is set: Thursday, February 19, 2009 at **Hamilton High School FCS Rooms, 4-8 pm.**

There will be prizes, lots of good food to eat, new friends to meet, hey this is sweet!

Here are the guidelines to get you started:

Ages 8-10

Make a main dish at home and bring to the competition
Bring notebook with description of preparation (written &/or pictures), explanation of how the dish fits in the food pyramid with suggestions of side dishes and a dessert that would balance the meal. (DO NOT COOK THE SIDE DISH/DESSERT), and answer “What foods does my family eat and why?”

Interview (questions will be available before competition)

Table Setting (optional)

Ages 11-13

Make a main dish at the competition

Make 1 side dish and a dessert ahead of time and bring to serve with main dish.

Bring notebook with description of preparation, nutritional value for main dish, explanation of how the whole meal fits in the food pyramid, and answer “What foods does my family eat and why?”

Interview (questions will be available before competition)

Table setting with decorative menu.

Ages 14 and up

Make a main dish at the competition

Make a dessert and at least 1 side dish ahead of time and bring to serve with main dish.

Bring notebook with Congress requirements (refer to Extension Office for Congress Score Sheet)

Interview (questions will be available before competition)

Table Setting with decorative menu.

There will be more detailed guidelines available soon.

**To sign up and get information:
Contact Danica Loucks, 363-1919**



We have added another member to our staff
In the office! We would like to welcome:

Virginia Chaffin

As our new Snap Ed Program Educator
We are very excited to have her with us!
From all the staff at MSU Ravalli County
Extension
Happy Holidays!

Danica's Dutch Oven Project Workshop

Sunday December 21, 2008, 2-4 pm, Loucks' house - call for directions.

Even if you are not signed up to do the Dutch Oven Project, Come join the fun!

Bring your project book or you can purchase one at the meeting.
We will do at least one activity out of the book and a holiday surprise!





Ravalli County 4-H Special Release

December 2008 Extra

Treasurer Needed

Our wonderful treasurer, Monica Lewis, has resigned from her position on the 4-H Council. If you are interested in fulfilling this position or know of someone who is willing to volunteer in this role, please contact the office for more information.

The treasurer will be required to maintain financial records for the council and sign checks, attend council meetings, and assist with the Ravalli County 4-H Program budget. The Extension Office will deposit and receipt all checks.



Accounting experience is preferred and training is provided. The volunteer will be expected to enroll as a volunteer and agree to background verification.

Check out Page 3 for Camp Leadership Opportunities!



Reminder!

Get your enrollment sheets in to continue receiving the newsletter!

In January, we will only send out to those who are re-enrolled and newly enrolled.



MSU Extension:

Extending University Resources to Help Montanan's Thrive

MSU Extension is a statewide educational outreach network that applies unbiased, research-based university resources to practical needs identified by the people of Montana in their home communities.

Upcoming Educational Opportunities from MSU/Ravalli County Extension

Florence Family Fun Night, Dec. 10—Learn some gift ideas that are nutritious, easy and economical!

Fiber Detective (Chap. 4 of Sewing Level 1), Dec. 11—Rocky Mountain Kids are learning about the various types of fiber used in our industry!

Think your Drink, January 5-6—Lone Rock School is offering this class for their 5th and 6th graders to learn about the various drink on the market and how to side step those that not nutritious.

Become Credit Savvy, Jan. 8-9—Hamilton High is offering this class their juniors and seniors on the pros and cons of having a credit card.

Stockgrower's Annual Banquet, Jan. 17—Dairy tour of Huls Dairy, afternoon of Beef Quality Assurance and Montana Naural Beef Program, and the Governor has been invited to speak at the Banquet!

Starting in February: Horticulture Homeowner's Classes, Slow Cooker Adult Ed Class, Becoming a C.O.N. Artist (Covert, Overt, Nutrition), Leadership Plenty in Darby, and Nutrition Classes through SNAP-ed!

Bobbie Roos is our MSU Extension Agent who focuses on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Community Development. She can help educationally on projects that focus on:

- Horticulture
- Weeds
- Natural Resources
- Livestock
- Leadership
- Wildlife
- And so much more!



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