



Ravalli County 4-H News

November 2010

Dear 4-H Families –

November is month to reminder us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life. The 4-H program always has many people, businesses and organizations that support the educational programming offered to the youth in our county.

Thank you to the leaders, parents and teen members who so diligently worked to make club meetings, project meetings and community service events happen. Thank you to the committee chairpersons who spent time coordinating their team members to make a dream a reality.

People all around us do little things here and there for the 4-H community. Are you doing community service to give back? Take a moment to see who helped get you where you are today. Maybe center your service on something they may believe in. For example, if you are thankful for your project leader, maybe rake their leaves as a thank you. Take your winning apple pie to the nursing home and spend a few hours with some clients – they could probably tell you some amazing stories about Ravalli County years ago.

Community service or betterment is an important part of 4-H and your club. It is doing something to benefit a group of other people, which could be your town or school. Service is enriching and any one of any age can partake in giving their time to others. Our world goes around from the help that people give to others.

Community betterment encompasses many areas and different tasks. It could be your ability to make a quilt and raffle it off for a good cause, walking in a marathon to help cancer research, or raising a steer to donate to the local food bank.

Take an evening to attend the **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** on November 9 (details on page3) to thank the many leaders who make a difference in your 4-H program. Please take the time to celebrate a completed year and recharge for the upcoming year.

Have a great November,

Katelyn Andersen
MSU Extension Agent

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Happy Thanksgiving

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4-H Calendar

November

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& BEYOND!!

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Feb. 27-Mar. 1	4-H Citizenship Seminar, p. 3
April 1-2	Montana 4-H Rec Lab
May 7-14, 2011	WRLF 2011, p.4



Scheduled activities are subject to change. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office for updated information at 375-6611. All items for the next month's newsletters 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.msuextension.org/ravalli>

4-H News:

Newsletter Update!

For the 2010-2011 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 e-enroll. Visit the newsletter online: <http://www.msuextension.org/ravalli>



Order your Greytak Calendar

The 2011 Don Greytak calendars have just arrived! Quantities are limited and all proceeds benefit your Ravalli County 4-H! Contact the Extension Office to get yours today!

Record Book Sheets

The cost for the Record Book Sheets (My 4-H Year Member Record, Animal Project Record, Non-Animal Project Record and Cloverbud Record) have all increased from \$.50 to \$2.00 that are available through the Montana 4-H Clover.

These record sheets are all available online for members to print off at their own expense at the MSU Ravalli County Website under Forms and Resources at www.msuextension.org/ravalli.

The Extension Office will also offer these record sheets printed black and white on colored paper for \$.50 to help accommodate families.

Celebrate Montana 4-H

"100th Year of 4-H" Photos Needed!

As we are planning for the 100th year of 4-H and the Leadership Forum in 2012 (which is the 100th) the planning committee would like to request from leaders and past leaders submissions of any old photos to be put in a slide show video. If they can scan them and email those to jep@midrivers.com Any information about the photo would be great but not needed. The oldest photo will be recognized. We will figure out how to share this with the counties of interest when it is over. John E. Pfister, MSU Extension Agent, Musselshell Golden Valley

Invest in Youth and Double Your Money

Looking for a way to invest in youth and double your Money? There are not many opportunities like this these days, but thanks to a generous opportunity presented by the Ruth and Vernon Taylor Foundation and the Montana 4-H Foundation, you can double your money by investing in Montana 4-H Youth.

A great opportunity has been presented to the Montana 4-H Foundation, Inc. to help secure statewide support of Montana 4-H programs for the future! The Ruth & Vernon Taylor Foundation - MT will match, dollar-for-dollar that which Montana 4-H raises up to **\$100,000**; this is a **\$200,000** potential! All dollars (and cents!) raised will go into the Foundation's unrestricted endowment account. The

Foundation Board of Directors are working on securing major gifts and grants for this match, but we also would like to challenge counties and clubs to participate in the "Change for the Challenge" campaign.

The Foundation looks forward to hearing of creative ways (some will be published in Clover Connections!) that counties or clubs can become involved to help meet this challenge to support current and future generations of Montana 4-Hers. **Thank you for your valuable contribution to Montana 4-H!**

Did you know:

You can earn pennies for 4-H each time you use Goodsearch as your search engine (instead of google or yahoo)? Just put MT 4-H Foundation in as your preferred charity and watch the support grow!

Silver Spurs Fundraiser—Pie for the Holidays



All pies are homemade and 10". Your choice of pumpkin or apple. All orders must be prepaid and turned in by Nov. 15th. Delivery will be week of Thanksgiving. \$12.00 ea. To order please call Ginger at 777-2215.

Thanks for your support and Happy Thanksgiving!

Update from Fall Ambassador Training

Hello Everyone,

Just back from Fall Ambassador Training with our Senior and Junior Ambassadors and Prospective, Martha Skaggs, Rebecca Fawns, and Courtney Shupert. We had a wonderful time learning new leadership skills, opportunities, and about the ambassador program. We are very excited about passing these skills and opportunities on to the teens in Ravalli County and we invite all the 4-H teens to our Pizza Kick off party for Teen Council which will be held Thursday November 18th at 7:00 in Corvallis. Please call the office and let them know you are coming so we will know how much pizza to order.

We are in District 1 in the state which is composed of seven western counties. The new officers elected for our District are:
President: Ben from Lincoln County
Vice President: Samantha from Lake Flathead County
Secretary: Nicole from Sanders County
State Officer Selection Committee: Treston from Lincoln County
District Key Leader: Susan Woods from Sanders County

Looking forward to seeing you November 18th.

Sincerely,
Teen Council & Holly Shupert, County Key Leader

4-H Events: In the county

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

We are thankful for our volunteers! Come and let us honor your service to our 4-H youth!

When: November 9, 2010

Time: 6:30pm

Where: Community Baptist Church, Stevensville

We would love to have you join us: all org. leaders, project leaders, parent leaders, all 4-H volunteers!

Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 2 to Tami Van Kirk 777-2164 or the Extension office 375-6611! If you have pictures from this last year that you would like to share, please email them to the Extension Office at ravalli@montana.edu

Ravalli County Teen Council invites you to participate in...

Cloverbud Day!

Saturday, November 13th, 2010
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

RSVP by November 11 to Extension Office

Location: Bitterroot Church of the Nazarene, 5th Avenue and "A" street, Victor, Montana

What: All Cloverbud members (ages -6-8) are invited to come make crafts, play games, and meet other Cloverbuds at this fun and FREE event!!

If your child is planning on participating, please call the 4-H office by November 11th to RSVP: 375-6611.

In the state

Legislative Breakfast

January 17-18, 2011

Helena, MT

Sign up deadline: Friday, December 17 to Extension Office
Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and successes of 4-H and MSU Extension. It brings youth and adult constituents from across the state together to share ideas, issues and concerns. The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes and pays for the event through private donations and other support. It is held during the years when the legislature is in session.

Join fellow Ravalli County 4-H members at the Montana 4-H Legislative Breakfast.

4-H MEMBER & LEADER OPPORTUNITIES

Legislative Breakfast Speaker Opportunity:

The suggested criteria for selecting the Young Speaker are:

- 10-13 years of age and enrolled in 4-H for 2-3 years
- Able to speak clearly, comfortably and enthusiastically about 4-H in front of 400 people
- Can deliver a 5 minute talk on why he/she joined and how 4-H is preparing him/her for the future

The suggested criteria for selecting the Teen/Young Adult Speaker are:

- 14-21 years of age and enrolled in 4-H for 4 or more years
- Able to speak clearly, comfortably and enthusiastically about 4-H in front of 400 people
- Can deliver an 8 minute talk on how his/her 4-H experience has contributed to his/her success and progress towards reaching goals

2011 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

February 27-March 1, 2011

Helena, MT

Registration deadline: Monday, January 24, 2011

Who: 4-H members must be 14 years of age by October 1, 2010 who previously have not attended any Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar.

What: This CIA (citizenship-in-action) event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Other Opportunities:

If space is available, the 4-H newsletter will include events, contests and other opportunities that are non-4-H sponsored events.

Leader Opportunities

In Ravalli County:

On the menu for Leader's Soup:

Leader's College Level 1

Covered over two nights: November 16 and 30

Come learn about the FUNdamentals of Positive Youth Development to improve your knowledge about working, teaching and dealing with youth ages 9-18. Upon completion of Level One, Two and Three, you will receive a useful gift from the Montana 4-H Council. Dinner will be provided.

Level One Classes: Positive Youth Development and the Experiential Learning Model, Basic Youth Needs and 4-H Program Critical Elements, and Stages of Development.

When: Material covered over two nights: Tuesday, November 16 and November 30 from 6-8:30 PM

Where: Extension Meeting Room

RSVP by: Friday, November 12 to the Extension Office: 375-6611

Real Colors Personality Assessment

Monday, December 6

6:00-8:00, Victor School

Discover the best—in all of us! This personality assessment class provides an entertaining way to understand yourself more fully and appreciate differences in others. Learn how to work better with your fellow parents, 4-H leaders and members. Sign up for this \$10 class through Victor Adult Ed at 642-3221 by Monday, November 29. Taught by Katelyn Andersen

In Montana and Beyond:

4-H Shooting Sports Leader's Training

- December or January in Kalispell, no date set yet
- For More Information contact Ken Loucks at 363-1919 or KenLoucks@wildblue.net

Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum

January 28-30, Helena MT



Mark your calendars for Montana 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders' Forum on January 28-30 in Helena! This is a great event you don't want to miss. At the event you will network with other leaders from around the state, gain new ideas and knowledge, and obtain new ideas to take back to your county. The Forum features Friday night demonstrations of Yoga on Horseback and Dog Agility and Herding. There is a great lineup of workshops including organic agriculture, wool, meat goats, hoof care and function, youth agriculture loans, livestock judging, horse skill-a-thon and much more! Watch for registration materials in November. For more information contact the Lewis & Clark County Extension Office at 406-447-8346.

WRLF 2011 "Cruising to 4-H Excellence",

May 7 -14

Washington will be hosting Western Region Leader's Forum 2011 "Cruising to 4-H Excellence", May 7 -14. The conference will be taking place on a Holland America Cruise Ship visiting Southern Alaska and Canada.

The conference website, <http://4h.wsu.edu/conferences/2011wrlf/index.html>, contains information regarding the cruise, schedule, costs, workshop proposals, etc.,

More details as they are available!!

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