



Ravalli County 4-H News

February 2012

Dear 4-H Members and Families,

Your 4-H club meeting is one of the most important aspects of the 4-H program. It is the place where kids meet other kids, learn parliamentary procedure, get the chance to stand up and talk in front of a group, and be a part of group they can call their own. Can you make your club meetings better?

Start off by adjusting your club meeting's business portion to 20 minutes long. Your educational program should be about 20 minutes long and your recreation portion should round out the rest of the hour long club meeting.

To jazz up your business meetings, try some of these ideas:

Backwards Meeting: Start the meeting with a motion to adjourn and go from there! The entire meeting is backwards. Members and parents might even want to dress backwards. Talk about really learning the meeting order; this will do it!!!

Draw Your Meeting out of a Hat: Write down each part of your meeting on a separate piece of paper. Have members draw out a slip of paper to determine what will happen next throughout the meeting! This should make for a most interesting meeting!

Meeting Themes: Members might want to dress up and have a beach party theme, sledding theme, holiday theme or fifties theme. In the theme idea, the meeting location would be decorated and treats and recreation would relate to the theme.

Parent Meeting: Let your parents do the work in this meeting! Parents will hold the offices, do the project talks, conduct the recreation and more. This is sure to create some laughs!

Silly Voting: Instead of voting with the standard raising of hands or "Aye" verses "Nay" the president can ask "all those in favor to stand up and turn around" or "All those opposed, whiney like a horse." The president is only limited by their own creativity and the willingness of the club!!!

Sit in a Circle: Meetings commonly occur when members are seated in rows facing the officers' table. Have members sit in a circle with the officers in the center. Changing the outlook might just change the participation. New changes in seating can be tried at each meeting.

Have a great February,

Katelyn Andersen

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Check out the Centennial website at:

<http://mt4hcentennial.squarespace.com/>



Come in to the Extension Office and get your "I love MT 4H" pin to help you celebrate!



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 100 words or less.

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>

4-H News:

Extension Office Personnel

Our office will have new people starting the month of February! Here's an update on the positions:

Mentoring Partnership Site Manager—Virginia held this position during the first year of the grant. The position announcement will be posted near the end of January or beginning of February.

Office Administrative Assistant—The position announcement will be posted at the end of January, with Interviews and hiring taking place beginning in February.

Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Agent—The first round of interviews have taken place. The second round will take place in February.

Animal Learning Lab Kits

The 4-H Advisory Council recently approved the purchase of Poultry, Goat, Dog and Rabbit Learning Lab Kits from Ohio 4-H. These kits are your answer for species-specific, hands-on, durable learning materials. Use them in project meetings for teaching and evaluating knowledge of livestock and companion animals. Kits are available on loan through the Extension Office to registered leaders for one week rentals.

We also have Beef, Sheep, Swine and Dairy Learning Lab Kits available through the office, which were purchased several years ago.

Fundraising Equipment Available:

There is a banner for clubs to use for fundraisers or community service projects, that reads: "Ravalli County 4-H Supporting your local youth." Clubs can also rent a sno-cone machine, cotton candy machine, popcorn machine or large coffee pots from the Ravalli County 4-H Council for \$10! Non 4-H entities can rent the same equipment for a higher price of \$25. Call the Extension Office for details.

News for the Bitterroot 4-H Archers

Congratulations to all those who traveled to Dillon and participated in the Beaverhead Invitational Archery shoot! We will post all the scores and medal winners next month!

Project Book Orders

- Book orders will be placed through MSU Publications on the 1st and 15th of every month.
- The order fee is \$3.00 for every order placed, large or small.
- All book orders must be paid in full when placing the order. If possible please pay with one check from your club.
- As a reminder, please order your books through your Organizational Leader to maximize your club order.

Record Book Sheets available for \$.50

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 when purchased through the Montana 4-H Clover.

These record sheets are also available online for members to print at their own expense. Go to the MSU Ravalli County Web-site 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 Ravalli County 4-H members.

2012 Beef Weigh-In

The 2012 Beef weigh-in was held January 7 @ Sutherlin Farms. Thirty five 4-H members and 2 FFA members weighed-in 47 steers. Two 4-H members also weighed-in 2 heifers for the bred heifer for sale project. Thank you Bob & Laurie for providing the facilities that were used, Jodi Hood for providing the brand inspection and donating her time, Tad Hancock, Lee Severson, Butch Sharbono, Lex & Tammi Harrington, Tyler Pendergast, Matt Pendergast, Josh Stevens, and George Sharbono for all that they did to make the weigh-in run smoothly. We appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do for us!

4-H Corner Cafe At Fair 2011!

We are looking for 3 beef cows or steers and 5 lambs not older than 1 1/2 years old for burger meat at our Corner Cafe. All animals are a Tax donation. Hamilton Pack can start accepting animals for meat at the fair beginning in March. Contact Betty Carter our Café Manager at 961-5545 or the Extension Office if you have an animal to donate. Thanks in advance!

Carnival 2012—April 28

We need help from a few leaders who are willing to be the Silent Auction Team Leader or the Ticket Table Team Leader for this year's county 4-H Carnival. Here is what each position entails:

Silent Auction Team

1. Prepare silent auction sheets for each item, including bidders name and phone number.
2. Create a silent auction banner for 2012 that can also be used year after year.
3. Hang banner in silent auction section.
4. Round up all donations and displays them at Carnival.
5. Recruit workers to help at silent auction tables during Carnival.
6. Collect payment from bidders and hand out auctioned items.

Tickets Team

1. Make arrangements with 4-H Council, through the Extension Office, for a cash/change to be at the Carnival.
2. Obtain two lock boxes from the Extension Office for money storage at carnival.
3. Set-up ticket sale tables with banner.
4. Arrange for people to staff the ticket tables during the event.
5. Arrange for 4-H Council Treasurer and another leader to count money after carnival is over.

If you, or someone you know, can help make our Carnival fundraiser better by helping out, please contact Sandy, 363-4464, or the Extension Office.

4-H License Plates

Remember when renewing or purchasing a license plate to consider the 4-H license plate. It is available at the Motor Vehicle Department.

2012 Speech and Demo Day

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2012

Time: 10 am to Noon

Location: Extension Meeting Room

Register by March 9 (or until full)

Come show off your speaking skills at the annual Speech and Demo Day! Three age divisions with specific presentation categories.

Cloverbud: do a Show and Tell

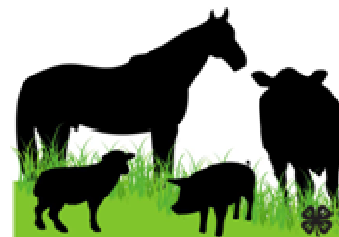
Junior (4-H age 8-13): Speech, Demo, Broadcast or Commercial

Senior (4-H age 14 and older): Demonstration or prepared speech. Seniors who receive a score of 85 or more are invited to attend Montana 4-H Congress in July.

Questions can be directed to Sandy Kirkland, 363-4464.

New Curriculum Now Available!

The *Montana Western Heritage Project* (softcover, \$25), Teen Leadership—*Learning to Lead and Leading to Learn* are now available for purchase. Place your order with the Extension Office by the 1 and 15 of every month or online at msuextension.org/store



Host family applications for Finland and Argentina Exchange Students

Due: February 15, 2012

Contact: Stephanie Davison, 4-H Center for Youth Development, MSU, 994-3502

Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle

Only 1000 tickets will be sold

The Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Company has donated another \$2500 gift certificate to the Montana 4-H Shooting Sports program. The funds raised at the state level will help support the shooters representing Montana 4-H at the National Championships, subsidize our leader training workshops, and provide some funding for materials and supplies. 4-H Clubs and Projects also benefited by receiving 20% of what they sold; totaling over \$2300 to local programs. Are you interested in purchasing or selling tickets? Contact the Extension Office.

4-H Events: In the county

Photography Project Meeting

Date: February 11

Time: 11 AM

Location: 3 Mile Country Store, Stevi; in "Boy Scout Meeting Store" behind the store.

Please bring your camera and manual. Create some "Photography questions." If you have any pictures you would like some help with, you can put them on a USB flash drive and we'll try to discuss them. Please bring your "homework" with questions as well. In March we can start doing some field trips and lets discuss that and questions about your book-projects.

Bitterroot Archery Tournament

Date: Saturday, February 18

Location: Old Corvallis Fire Hall

We will be hosting our own Archery tournament, in Corvallis at our shooting range located behind Memories Café, 297 S. 2nd Street. The tournament will be held on February 18, 2012. Sign up forms will be available at the regular Monday night archery meetings, along with information on how all families can help organize and run this tournament. For more questions or more information, call Maggie Weber 369-2031 or email mag-web68@gmail.com.

Ravalli County Teen Council

Date: Sunday, February 12

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Jammie Johnson's Home, 19 Fox Farm Road, 381-0028

If you are 13 years old on or before October 1, 2011 and you are interested in developing your leadership skills please come to our meetings to see if Teen Council is for you. If you know you want to be involved in Teen Leadership this year, consider signing up on the 4-H registration form for the Teen Leadership Project.

4-H Dog Project Meeting

Date: February 14 and 28

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Ravalli Fairgrounds Art Building

Tuesday - February 14: First Meeting with your dog!! Please bring your dog's favorite small soft treats, poop bags, brush and your dog's blanket to lie on. Have your dog wear his flat collar and bring your 4 or 6 foot leash. No Presentations. **If we do not have your dog's current vaccination records by then, he will not be able to attend the meeting! No exceptions!!**

Tuesday, February 28— No dogs. Theme: Behavior & Training. Teriauna and Alisha will be giving presentations.

Please check your e-mails for information or changes in schedule/cancelation of meetings due to weather. If a meeting is cancelled, the schedule will be moved forward.

Starting March 6th we will have a meeting every Tuesday. The first Tuesday of every month will be for presentations and no dogs are to attend.

Junior Rec Lab

Oh, the Place You'll Go!

Date: Saturday, February 25

Time: 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Location: Lone Rock Bible Church, Stevensville

Registration by Friday, February 10 (or until full)

Cost: \$10



Junior Rec Lab is for members 4-H age 10-12 (4-H Age is your age on October 1, 2011) with a fun day filled with games, activities, teambuilding and fun! Questions? Call Extension Office, 375-6611.

Indoor Horse Clinic

Date: Friday, February 24
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Location: Corvallis Grange Hall

Dinner will be served. Please do not bring your horses.

Sheep and Goat Workshop

Date: Tuesday, February 21
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Cowpoke Ranch Supply, 1308 Eastside Hwy, Corvallis

Cowpoke Ranch Supply in Corvallis is hosting a workshop for goat and sheep members. Presenters: Dr Linda Kauffman, Burnt Fork Veterinary Clinic and Greg Mosmes, a nutritionist from Cenex Harvest States.

This will be a great evening to learn about the health and welfare of your animals from a local veterinarian and all the great products you can feed to keep them at their best. **An added bonus to the evening is this seminar will meet your Quality Assurance requirements for both younger members as well as older members.** If you have any questions call Mary Koenen, 777-3809 or 239-4809, Margaret Yuhas 273-2989 or 240-8220. We would love to see you all there particularly if you are a younger member.

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) Opportunity

Date: Tuesday, February 21
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Cowpoke Ranch Supply, 1308 Eastside Hwy, Corvallis

The Sheep and Goat Workshop will qualify livestock members for Quality Assurance. A Swine Workshop will be held in March. See next month's newsletter for details.

Market Livestock Sale Quality Assurance Guidelines:

A 4-H member will be required to take LQA two times: once for youth 13 and under and once for youth 14 and over.

Ravalli County 4-H Advisory Council

Date: Monday, February 27
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Stevensville Main Street Association

The March 4-H Advisory Council Meeting has been changed to Monday, February 27, 6:30 PM. Please notify your club representations and join us for a great meeting!

4-H Cook-Off Competition

Thank you to our new coordinator, Kim Charlton, who plans to hold the event later this spring. Look for details in the March newsletter.

4-H Camp 2011 Seeking Counselors and Chaperones

Youth Director Applications: Due Friday, January 27
Counselor Applications: Due Friday, February 3.

Who: Counselors (open to all youth 4-H Age 14 and up)
 Chaperones (must be 21 or older and a screened volunteer)

It's time to start planning for the 2012 4-H Camp! This year's 4-H Junior Camp will be held July 17-20 at Loon Lake, Bigfork.

Job descriptions and applications are available at the Ravalli County 4-H website and will be mailed (electronically or postal) to those who request it.

Chaperones: If you are interested in being a camp chaperone, it is strongly encouraged to attend the camp planning meetings.

Camp Planning Dates: Counselors are required to attend these meetings; chaperones and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Planning dates are on Tuesdays: March 13, 27, April 10, 24 and May 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in Corvallis.

Overnight Retreat: Tentatively scheduled for June 21-22, location yet to be determined.

For more details about 4-H Camp 2012, please go online to our website, www.msuextension.org/ravalli look for "County Events" in the "resources" section. In addition, questions can be directed to the Extension Office, 375-6611.

**4-H Events:
In the state****2012 MontanaFair Junior Livestock Show
Billings, MT**

The 2012 Montana Fair will be held August 9 - 18. All individuals are required to bring their animals to one ear-tagging site on a specific date at a specific time. These dates are as follows:

- Sheep/Swine Tagging – Saturday, June 2 – 8-11 AM

Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair cannot be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Please contact the Extension Office if you would like additional information.

Montana 4-H Foundations Scholarships

Application Deadline: April 1, 2012

Attention graduating seniors: are you aware of the many scholarships available, through the Montana 4-H Foundation, to 4H youth planning to attend a university or college following high school graduation? Go to the Montana 4-H website for more information.

Only one application needs to be submitted to apply for multiple scholarships:

- Douglas A. Dear Scholarship
- Montana Meat Processors Scholarship
- Montana Agri-Business Scholarship
- Montana Wheat & Barley Scholarship
- Murdoch's Ranch & Home Supply Scholarship
- N.A. Jacobsen Scholarship
- Wilcox Family Scholarship
- Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarship
- Montana 4-H Barbara Edens Memorial Scholarship
- Montana 4-H Bud Dawson Livestock Scholarship
- Montana Miller Scholarship
- MT 4-H Council Scholarship
- Cedric & Elfriede Maurer Memorial Scholarship
- Anton & Helga Sundsted Pioneer Scholarship

For Scholarship details & Applications go to :

<http://montana4h.org/#program:30>

*Please provide two week notice if you are requesting a letter of reference from our office. Extension agent must sign all completed applications. Thank you!

4-H Leader Opportunities In Ravalli County:

In the State:

4-H Robotics Training

Date: February 11-12

Location: Helena

Registration Deadline: February 3

Registration Fee: Fee will be covered by 4-H Advisory Council

Lewis & Clark County Extension is pleased to host a regional training with MSU 4-H Technology Specialist, Gregg Switzer, for a great opportunity to learn how to start a new 4-H Robotics program in your county or gain new ideas to advance your existing program. Open to adult or teen leaders. Bring your questions or problems to get help from an expert! Robotics is a fun way to engage in hands-on learning in science, engineering and technology. Call the Extension Office for additional information and registration materials.

Montana 4-H Leader's Forum

September 28-29, 2012

Billings, MT

Workshop Proposal Deadline: February 24

Please bring your camera's and manuals. Create some "Photography questions." If you have any pictures you would like some help with, you can put on a USB flash drive and we'll try to discuss them. Please bring your "homework" with questions as well. In March we can start doing some field trips and lets discuss that and questions about your book-projects.

Other Opportunities:

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

Cowboy Ball

Date: Saturday, February 11th

Time: 6– Midnight

Location: Ravalli County Fairgrounds

Family friendly. \$5.00 at the door. Kids 12 & under are free. Proceeds will go towards renovating the fairground horse stalls.

Starter Flock Program

Are you interested in starting your own flock of sheep? The Montana Columbia Association is awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at 937-2775 or email her at wal-lwld@northerntel.net. This program is for youth ages 10-17.

Bitterroot Buckle Series

Dates: Saturdays, February 18, March 17 and April 14

Time: 9 AM

Location: Sapphire Event Center, Corvallis

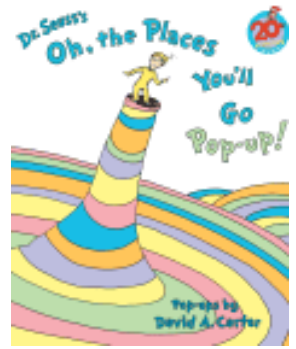
For information, Please call Johanna @ 370-0459

LOST

A silver i-pod touch was lost! The last place they remember having it was at the 4-H Horse show. If you have found it, please call Callie at 375-0786.



OH, THE PLACES YOU GO!



- WHO:** 4-H Members Age 10-12 years old
WHAT: Fun Recreation Day
WHEN: Saturday, February 25
 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM
WHERE: Lone Rock Bible Church, Stevensville
COST: \$10.00 (Make checks payable to 4-H Advisory Council)
REGISTRATION DUE: Friday, February 10 to Extension Office (or until full)
WHAT TO BRING:

The day's activities will be followed by a semi-formal banquet.
Remember to bring your outfit with you!

The Ravalli County 4-H Teen Council is hosting this exciting all day event filled with themed workshops from around the world including micro etiquette, team building, communication, crafts, dance and food.

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2012 Junior Rec Lab Registration

Name:	Club:
Address:	City and Zip:
Contact Phone:	4-H Age:
Parent or Guardian:	

Spaghetti will be served for dinner, please mark which your child prefers:

1. ___ Meatballs OR ___ Without Meatballs
 2. ___ Red Sauce OR ___ White Sauce

Return Registration form by Friday, February 10 - registrations after date will be accepted on availability:

MSU Ravalli County Extension Office
 215 South 4th Street, Suite G
 Hamilton, MT 59840

Questions? Contact Extension Office at 375.6611

Directions to Lone Rock Bible Church:

Take East Side Highway either south from Florence or north from Stevensville.
 Turn east on Three Mile Road
 (6.5 miles from Florence; 4.2 miles from Stevensville)
 Take Three Mile Road 3.5 miles, go past Lone Rock School, turn left.
 Church is on the left just past school.

Get together with others in your club and car pool!

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Ravalli County 4-H Junior Rec Lab Health Information

List any allergies:
Describe any dietary restrictions:
Describe any physical restrictions:
Does child wear contact lenses?

In case of medical emergency and 4-H Chaperones are unable to reach a parent or guardian; I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the 4-H Junior Rec Lab director to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anesthesia or surgery for my child. In case of minor emergency, I hereby give permission for the 4-H Junior Rec Lab chaperones to administer first aid.

Date and Signature of parent or legal guardian:

Consent to Participate

Description of Event: Ravalli County 4-H Junior Rec Lab

This one day event held at Lone Rock Bible Church provides a variety of workshops such as teamwork, communication, crafts, and dance. Participants are expected to behave respectfully towards adults and fellow participants. Participants are required to check in and remain on site for the entire event.

Consent: We, as parents of this minor child, acknowledge that we are aware of and understand the risks and hazards connected with the event and activities listed above. We understand that if we have any questions about this event and its activities, we can secure more information before signing this consent form by calling the Ravalli County Extension Office, 375-6611. We further understand that we are assuming the risks of loss, property damage or personal injury that may be sustained by our child as a result of participating in this event. I hereby consent to my child's participation in this event.

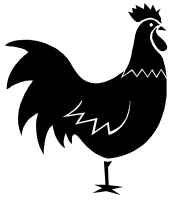
Date and Signature of parent or legal guardian:



- **Ravalli County 4-H Advisory Council Meeting**
- **Date:** Mon, Feb 27 **Time:** 6:30 PM
- **Location:** Stevensville Main Street Association



- **Teen Council Meeting**
- **Date:** Sun, Feb 12
- **Time:** 4:30 PM
- **Location:** Jammie Johnson's Home, 19 Fox Farm Road, 381-0028



- **North Valley Poultry Meeting, Every Third Tuesday of the Month**
- **Date:** Tues, Feb 21 **Time:** 6:30pm **Location:** Missoula Extension Office
- **Contact:** Laura DeNitto 273-4645 or myfunnyfarm4@msn.com

- **South Valley Poultry Meeting, Every Third Tuesday of the Month**
- **Date:** Tues, Feb 21 **Time:** 6:30 pm **Location:** 1055 Honeywell Drive, Corvallis
- **Contact:** Virginia Chaffin at 363-4793, vchaffin@montana.edu or George Mullen at 961-1190, kmkfarm@gmail.com



- **Horse Committee Meeting**
- **Date:** Thursday, Feb 9
- **Time:** 7:00pm
- **Location:** Kodiak Jax upstairs, Stevensville
- **Contact:** April, 777-7018



- **County-Wide Photography Meeting**
- **Date:** February 11
- **Time:** 11 AM
- **Location:** 3 Mile Country Store
- **Contact:** Rick Paris 370-2407 or rick@rickparis.com



- **Livestock Committee Meeting**
- **Date:** Tuesday, April 10
- **Time:** 7:00 pm
- **Location:** Stevensville Main Street Association



- **County-Wide Cloverbud Meeting**
- **Topic:** Aviation
- **Date:** February 16
- **Time:** 4-5 PM
- **Location:** Sandy Kirkland's House
- **Contact:** Sandy, 363-4464



- **Barn Quest Committee Meeting**
- **Date:** Tuesday, April 10
- **Time:** 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Stevensville Main Street Association



- **Small Animal Committee Meeting**
- **Date:** TBA—contact Laura DeNitto, 273-4645 for details
- **Contact:** Laura DeNitto at 273-4645



- **County-Wide Goat Meeting**
- **Contact:** Heidi Etter at 381-2282 or icknree2@msn.com



- **County-Wide Rabbit Meeting**
- **Date:** Fri, February 10 **Time:** 7:00 pm **Location:** Lakeland Feed
- **Contact:** Katie Freeman at 207-6218 or junkbunny3@aol.com



- **County-Wide Dog Meetings**
- **Date:** February 14 and 28
- **Time:** 6PM
- **Location:** Arts Building at RC Fairgrounds
- **Contact:** Inge Goetz-Cordova, 529-1574 or via email at: inge@goetz-cordova.com, or Nicki Arndt, 369-0707 or via email at: positivechangesllc@yahoo.com



- **County-Wide Beading Meeting**
- **Date:** TBA
- **Contact:** Cora Vincent at 493-5181 or beadingfancy@gmail.com

The listed Committees and County-Wide Project Meetings are what is currently available. If you would like to list a project meeting that is open to all 4-H members, please contact our office with details!

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