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Ravalli County Extension Centennial Celebration Open House

Date: Wednesday, June 18

Time: 3-5 PM

Location: 215 S. 4th Street, Ste G, Hamilton.

Come honor the first 100 years of Extension and celebrate the next 100 years with cake and coffee. Door prizes and giveaways include copies of *So Easy to Preserve*, *Weeds of the West*, *Montana 4-H Western Heritage Project*, and Montana native flower posters.

Questions?

Contact 375-6611 or ravalli@montana.edu

In 2014, we celebrate the Smith-Lever Act, which established the Cooperative Extension Service, a unique educational partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the nation's land-grant universities that extends research-based knowledge through a state-by-state network of extension educators. For 100 years, the Smith-Lever Act has stimulated innovative research and vital educational programs for youth and adults through progressive information delivery systems that improved lives and shaped a nation. Celebrate 100 years of Extension, across generations, across Montana.

Ag and Natural Resources

In its early stages, Montana Extension Service work focused on making agriculture a more successful and stable enterprise. Today, the mission includes services, classroom and field trainings for plant and pest management, for livestock and crop production, and for prevention, response and damage recovery from natural disasters.

Community Development

Beginning with regional farmers' picnics in the early 1900s, then rural development committees in the 1950s, MSU Extension continues to support local development through leadership and government training, grant assistance, and participating in partnerships and projects at the community, county and state level.

Family and Consumer Science

In the 50s, food preservation and home demonstrations expanded when agents and farm families began considering the farm and home as a complete unit. Fast-forward 60 years: MSU Extension healthy living education reaches young and old, urban and rural, and at all income levels. Local, trusted Extension programs impact individual and community change on issues of finance, nutrition and home health.

4-H Youth Development

From early corn clubs, which garnered youth and adult interest in farming outcomes, grew the 4-H 'learn by doing' motto and the worth of project demonstrations. Today, Montana's 4-H Youth Development program offers more than 100 projects and experiences for youth to learn, discover and engage, with an emphasis on teaching life skills, responsibility and the value of citizenship.