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1st Annual Ronan Area Harvest Fest

Ronan, Montana. August 11, 2009.....The 1st Annual Ronan Area Harvest Fest will be held on September 19, 2009 at the Ronan Community Fair Grounds. Sponsored by the Ronan Area Chamber of Commerce the event will include a Chili Cook-off, Dessert Bake-off, Farmers Market, Scarecrow & straw bale decorating contest, and a Barn Dance with the music of a Goin-Concern.

The Chili Cook-off must be set up by 1pm, cooking is from 2 to 6pm and judging will be held at 6:05pm by a panel of local chili lovers. Tastings are open to the public for 25 cents per taster cup or \$1.00 per bowl. Entry fee is \$25 per team. Prizes are: 1st place \$75, 2nd place \$50, and \$25 for 3rd place. For more information contact Karen Dellwo at 883-8806 or karen.dellwo@fib.com.

The Dessert Bake-off judging will begin at 4pm, so desserts must arrive by 3pm to be entered. Tastings will also be available. Categories include pies, cookies, cakes and puddings. There is no entry fee for desserts.

Vendors for the Farmers Market can start setting up after 2pm and the market is open from 3pm to 7pm. There is a \$10.00 fee per 10X10 block. No power is available in the vendor area(s). Contact Roland Godan at 676-0676 or e-mail mmfecoperations@ronan.net.

Come dance to Goin-Concern at the Barn Dance from 7pm to 10pm. Tickets are available at the door. \$3 for singles and \$5 per couple.

Awards will be presented for the most creatively decorated scarecrows and strawbales. Call Ronna Walchuk at 676-5323 for more information.

Forms and rules for the Chili Cook-off, Dessert Bake-off and Farmers Market are available on line at www.ronanchamber.com or can be picked up at Polson First Interstate Bank, or any of the local branches of Community Bank and Valley Bank, at the Ronan Housing Authority and Ronan Power Products. For more information call Ky Bartels 406-253-8611.

The 1st Annual Harvest Fest is produced by the gracious volunteers of the Ronan Area Chamber of Commerce. Proceeds from the Chili Cook-off, Dessert Bake-off and the Barn Dance will help the Ronan Area Chamber continue to provide formal and informal functions for area youth, schools, agricultural trades and members. We strive to strengthen, enhance, and serve the community and its citizens by providing service, forums for communication, and acting as a clearinghouse for information.

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