

## Tired Iron Antique Tractor Club

In the 1990's a group of tractor and small engine collectors began meeting in Missoula and called themselves the "Antique Power Association". They also went to Teller Wildlife Refuge and put on threshing demonstrations. Local farmers and collectors would bring tractor and horse-drawn implements to Teller Refuge and demonstrate plowing in the spring and then would cut enough oats with a power binder to have bundles to thresh at the end of summer. This led to having displays and threshing demonstrations of old tractors at the Ravalli County Fair. Mel Whiting of Stevensville helped start the local club in Ravalli County. The meetings are informal, usually in someone's shop fixing tractors. Discussions are had about getting ready for Fair and figuring out what rusty tool dug up in someone's yard will be on display for the current year. Collectors display tractors in the Fair Parade and then on the grounds the entire week of Fair. Some members recall the days before electricity and most power being from horses. Some complained about the work of threshing as kids and now cheerfully do the same work for an audience at the Ravalli County Fair. Threshing demonstrations start at 2pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the North Lawn Area with Straw Baling directly after; come by and chat with these amazing historians, you will be glad you did! The club welcomes new members, your or old. The president is Darrel Sperry 9614-3450 and secretary is Blair Stevens 381-6847. The club meets the first Thursday of every Month.



### **Bitterroot Breastfeeding Coalition**

The Bitterroot Breastfeeding Coalition (BBC) is happy to provide a quiet and private place for nursing mothers in our Baby Bungalow at the Fair! The Coalition is a small but dedicated group of local mothers and public health professionals who provide breastfeeding education and support to families in Ravalli county. Each year we distribute information packets to hundreds of new parents, run free monthly support groups, and set up the Baby Bungalow at local events. If you would like to get involved, please visit our website at [www.bitterrootbreastfeedingcoalition.org](http://www.bitterrootbreastfeedingcoalition.org) or find us on facebook.

The BBC will have the Baby Bungalow at the fairgrounds every day from open to close.

The tent will be attended to at least twice a day, where cleanliness and supplies are a priority. During the fair, in the event anyone wanted to contribute to the BBC or the Baby Bungalow specifically, please use the social media avenues above or at the fair office.