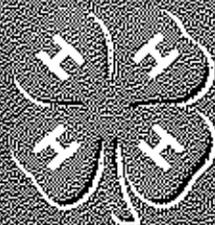


Richland County 4-H Clover Chatter



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January 2005

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Here it is a new year already! It seems like the last six months have flown by on me. As I was working on the 4-H calendar, I saw that the next year is getting filled with great educational activities. One new event is going to be the "Calf to Carcass" classes (see page 2). I hope that the clubs will encourage members to attend this class. Many activities this coming year are great hands-on activities where members will "learn by doing". If you really enjoy what you are learning, then invite a friend to join your club. New faces are always welcome to our program! The coming year is going to be a great experience for everyone involved and I look forward to seeing you at the next activity. Hopefully the new year will bring the very best for you and your family!

Your 4-H Friend,

Wade Whiteman



Exec. Council/Livestock Meetings February 7th

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for **February 7th at 6:30 p.m.** at the Extension Office. The Community Service Grants will be decided on at this meeting.

The Livestock Committee meeting will meet afterward at 7:30 p.m. It is very important that we have good representation of families who have members with livestock projects.



People Partner Grants

Again this year, People Partner Grants are available from the 4-H Foundation for clubs pursuing community service projects. The grants are awarded via an application process and the amount of money available is determined by the number and types of projects approved. If your club is interested, forms are available at the Extension Office. There is a very short time frame for getting them completed, as they are due in the State 4-H Office by February 1st.

County Community Service Grants

Several years ago, our 4-H Council established Community Service Grants for use by clubs in Richland County. Two \$100 grants are available via application process. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and selections will be made at the February 7th Executive Council meeting.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



Shooting Sports January 8



Our next Shooting Sports event is set for **Saturday, January 8th** at the West Side School gym.

We had a really good turnout of about 60 people at the December shoot and would like to thank all the leaders who volunteered their time and efforts that day! **Please remember that you must call the Extension Office by the Wednesday prior to the shoot if you wish**

to participate! It is very important that you pre-register as it takes a good deal of preparation for each shoot and we need to know how many people to plan for. In the past, if there was a lot of people showing up to shoot who did not pre-register, they have been allowed to shoot but did not receive their \$2 refund. We do not want to have to do this again, so please remember to call and sign up ahead of time!!

Judging Opportunities



There is several opportunities coming up for those interested in livestock

judging . The annual Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging will be held during Ag Days on **January 15th**. This will take place at Gartner-Denowh Angus Ranch with a pancake breakfast registration at 7 a.m. at St. Mathew's Church and the contest to start at 9 a.m. **All teams must pre-register at the Office by Jan. 14th.** The 25th annual Dickinson State University Roughrider Judging Contest will be held **Saturday, Feb. 5th**. Registration begins at 7:30 with the contest to begin at 8:30 at the DSU Indoor Arena. More details will be available later, so check at the Office for more information!

Both of these are excellent competitions so come on out!



"Calf to Carcass" Training



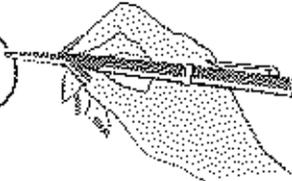
A series of classes are going to be offered this year for members interested in beef projects and enrolled in market beef. The first will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 22nd, at the Extension Office. The first class will consist of balancing a ration for a growing steer, transition to a finishing ration, and the finishing ration a steer needs to be on at fair time. Time will be taken to show the different types of feeds including protein and mineral supplements, and the difference between energy feeds and protein feeds. Members will need to bring a list of what feeds they have available and tags off of any supplements. The series of classes will go from feeding to fitting your animals for the Fair, to carcass evaluation after the Fair. This will be a great opportunity for members to learn more about their 4-H steer.

Sewing Workshop

Yet again this year there will be a series of workshops for members interested in sewing. This year Sara McMillen will be putting on three workshops. The first will be January 22 at the library basement at 1:00. This year the projects will be geared for the beginning members and will include a polar fleece, hat, and mittens. For the workshop you will need to bring 1.5 yard of polar fleece material, basic sewing tools including a sewing machine and straight pins. The following two workshops will be on February 12 and March 12 at same time and same place. You will need to pre register for these workshops before January 21, so call the office today!

2005 Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for members ages 15-19. The trip provides opportunities such as looking behind the scenes in our nation's capital, and meeting senators and representatives, listening to motivational speakers, workshops, assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The date of the trip is June 4-11 and the approximate cost is \$1250 per member. This will cover registration, airfare, and transport/programming. A deposit of \$586 is due with the application. The costs **do not** cover lodging and meals for the 4th, nor do they include \$100 for personal expenses. There is some financial help available for members that are interested in this trip. If you would like an application (due March 1), please stop by the office and I would be more than happy to help you out with this.

Just A Reminder 



January

- 8.....Shooting Sports
- 15.....Ag Days Livestock Judging
- 22.....Calf to Carcass Class 10 a.m.
- 22.....Sewing Workshop 1 p.m.

February

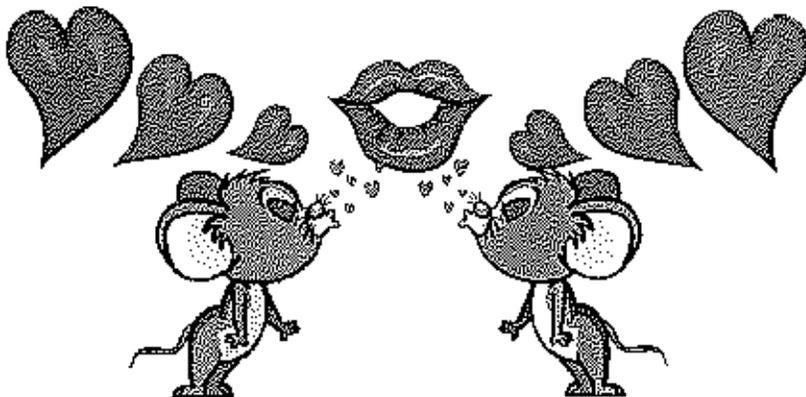
- 1.....Alumni Club Meeting
- 4.....Comm. Grant Apps. Due
- 5.....Roughrider Judging Contest

March

- 1.....Focus Trip, Washington Apps. Due
- 7.....Next Leader's Mtg.

Jr. Leader Meeting

The 4-H Jr. Leader's Mtg will be held at Whitford's on Jan 16th @ 2 p.m. The meeting will kick off with a sledding party, so PLEASE do not forget your sleds. Right after sledding your official meeting will begin. Dress warm and have some fun!!!



Winter Wonderland



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