

# Clover Chatter



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Leaders and Members,

The fair is quickly approaching, are you ready yet? As we go through the next few weeks we will be making the final preparations for this year's fair. State Congress is just around the corner and we're looking forward to a great time in Bozeman. The summer has been full of activities to keep the youth busy. Hopefully you have had time to enjoy these great activities.

What an exciting time to be part of the fair. With a new fair manager on board there are going to be some great changes! Take some time and welcome Jamie back to Sidney and let her know about all the great things 4-H bring to the fair.

Wade Whiteman  
Richland County Agent

## Volunteers Needed

As we do every year at this time, we are again asking for a minimum of 12 volunteers to help with entries and judging on Tuesday, August 1st. Last year we had many volunteers and their help was greatly appreciated! We are hoping for a repeat this year.

We need help Tuesday morning with checking in exhibits, assisting judges in the afternoon, and with arranging the building for the public after judging. This is a very busy time at the fair and more people we have involved the faster and more smoothly the day will go for everyone.

We could also use some members in the office to help out with string and sort entry tags after they are printed. Members can stop in the office anytime the week of July 24th to help out with this project.

## Jr. Trip Sign Up

The Jr. Trip has been finalized for this year's activity. Members will be enjoying an overnight camp-out at Fort Peck Dam. The group will be leaving Sidney on August 15th at 10:00 a.m. and return August 16th at 3:00 p.m. and will include activities such as tours, fishing, hiking and camping out. Members need to pre-register for the trip by July 26th with a medical release and participated in one county contest; speech, demo, livestock, fashion revue or horse judging. Members will be responsible for tents, bedding, fishing equipment (if needed), sunscreen, mosquito spray, etc. A restroom and shower are available at the campsite. A meal will be made by members the night of the 15th (hobo dinner) and the morning of 16th along with drinks. More information will follow registration.

## Please Read

The fair is fast approaching and we ask that you carefully read everything in this news letter pertaining to schedules and deadlines. Some adjustments had to be made because of changes to different activities. Make sure to read about every activity you are involved in and if you have any questions please call the Extension Office

## Graduates Scholarships

The application deadline for scholarships is September 1st. Scholarships can be picked up at the Office or downloaded off the Web site. This deadline includes the Richland County Memorial Scholarship, Pat Whiteman Memorial Scholarship, and livestock scholarships. Please make sure you turn your application into the office if you are interested.

## Fair Grounds Work Day

Everyone involved in 4-H is asked to come out and participate in the work day scheduled for July 23rd at the Fairgrounds starting at 2:30 p.m. We will be getting the grounds and buildings ready for the Fair and will conclude the day with a potluck dinner. A few of the projects include cleaning the Food Booth, exhibit building and painting. There is a lot of work to be done in the sheep and hog barn as well. The clubs in charge of this years clean up include Valley View, Brorson, and Badlands. Some things that may be handy to bring are shovels, wheel barrows, brooms, cleaning supplies, saws, hammers and paint brushes! No tools will be supplied. As part of the potluck we need families starting with A-L to bring salads and M-Z to bring a desert. Everyone needs to bring their own drinks. 4-H will be supplying burgers, buns and condiments.

## Exhibit Building Sign Up

There are still open times at the Exhibit Building. If there are time slots that are not filled the building will be closed to the public. We ask that the large clubs take two shifts. Call the office to get your time reserved.

## September Leaders Meeting

The next 4-H Leaders meeting will be on **Tuesday**, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Basement. Election of new officers will be taking place along with other bits of business. We hope you will attend and help us get the upcoming 4-H year off to a great start. The Nomination Committee will be asking for volunteers for positions on the council at this year's fair.

## Fair Schedule/Check List

### Tuesday, August 1, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

All 4-H exhibits other than livestock must be entered

10:00 a.m.- 4-H concession stand opens

1:00 p.m.- Judging of 4-H indoor exhibits

### Wednesday, August 2, 2006

8:00 a.m.- Deadline for all 4-H Horse entries

8:30 a.m.- Judging of 4-H Horse Classes showmanship, and lots 1- 44

3:30 - 7:00 p.m.- All livestock exhibits entered

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.- Weighing of Market Hogs & Sheep

### Thursday, August 3, 2006

6:30 a.m.- Weighing of Market Beef

8:30 a.m.- 4-H livestock judging (swine, sheep, dairy, and goat)

1:00 p.m.- Judging of Dogs, Cats, Rabbits & Poultry

5:00 p.m.- Judging of 4-H market beef

### Friday, August 4, 2006

8:00 a.m.- 4-H Showmanship (Sr. and Jr.)

11:00 a.m.- Overall Grand Champion Showmanship contest (Sr. and Jr.)

4:00 p.m.- Trophy and Awards presentation (4-H Arena)

4:30 p.m.- 4-H Livestock Sale (4-H Arena)

### Saturday, August 5, 2006

8:00 a.m.- Judging of 4-H Horses lots 45 - 54

6:00 p.m.- Check out of 4-H horse exhibits

### Sunday, August 6, 2006

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Check out of all 4-H exhibits,

including livestock

### Entry Day

All indoor exhibits need to be checked in Tuesday, August 1st from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. We will take no entries after that time to allow for preparations for the judging to begin at 1:00 p.m., so the earlier you can bring in your entries the better. Please remember to check in at the front table in the 4-H Exhibit Building. You will receive your tickets at that time for your projects. Any projects NOT checked in will NOT be judged. Members will receive their rodeo tickets at this time if they are signed up at the food booth.

### Livestock Check-In

Check-In is from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2nd with sheep and hog weigh-in from 7- 8 p.m. All animals need to be unloaded by 7:00 p.m., no exceptions! Members need to check in with Darcy at the 4-H Office in the Sheep and Swine Barn. Each member will receive their competitor number, stall sign, feeder pass (one per family) and a generic Thank You that they may use. Entry tags for livestock will be with your indoor entries on Tuesday. As animals are unloaded we ask that trailers are moved ASAP or they will be moved for you.

## 2006 FAIR WORK SCHEDULE

### 4-H Food Booth

Tuesday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Jepsen,Haglers,Rice,Prevost Lander
Wednesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
6:00am - 10:00am	*Rosaen,Verschoot,Olivers
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Dyuneson,Klempel,Peters
2:00pm - 6:00pm	Ries,R. Carda,A. Carda *K. Helmuth
6:00pm - 11:00pm	*J. McMillen,Albin,Ler,Voll
Thursday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
6:00am - 10:00am	*P. Henson,Godfrey,Davidson
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Haverkamp,Wagner, C. Prevost
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*Koch,Whitford,Hier,Zadow
6:00pm - 11:00pm	*Eskridge,Goss,Vaira Rauschendorfer
Friday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	
6:00am - 10:00am	*Netzer,Greenwood,Schaff Miller
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Redman,Hill,Fink,E. Han- sen
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*Wick,Rehbein,Benegochea, Breidenbach, Buxbaum
6:00pm - 11:00pm	*Averrett,Leland,Staffanson, Stepler,Panasuk
Saturday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	
6:00am - 10:00am	*Handy,Casterline,VanEvery
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Gorder,Lunderby,Vitt,Searer
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*K. McMillen,Indergard, Denowh,,Topp,K
6:00pm - 11:00pm	*Johnson,Reidle,Turnbull C. Johnson,Tombre

### 4-H Building Sitting Schedule

Wednesday, August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Forever Buds
6:00pm - 9:00pm	
Thursday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
10:00am - 1:30pm	Richland Rockets
1:30pm - 5:00pm	Brorson Farmhands
5:00pm - 8:30pm	
Friday, August 4 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am - 12:00pm	
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Yellowstone Valley
3:00pm - 6:00pm	
6:00pm - 9:00pm	
9:00pm - 11:00pm	Badlands
Saturday, August 5 <sup>th</sup>	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Three Buttes
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Junior Leaders
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Charley Creek
6:00pm - 9:30pm	

## Cleaning Schedule

BEFORE	After
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 2:00pm	TBA
Valley View	Charley Creek
Brorson Farmhands	Three Buttes
Badlands	Forever Buds

## Food Booth Details

In past years clubs have been in charge of each shift. Like last year families are responsible to sign up for a shift that fits their needs. A supervisor (designate with \*) is in charge of each shift and will be receiving information about their shift. We will also be offering a ServSafe program this year that will cover issues such as proper food temperatures, safe food handling, hygiene, etc. The class will be on July 18th at 5:30 and will take about 2.5 hours at the Richland County Fair and Rodeo Commercial Building. All leaders are encouraged to attend the class. A meal will be provided courtesy of Fair Board.

There are a few guidelines for each shift:

- Each family needs to bring 3 nine inch fruit pies, unless they are the 6:00 a.m. shift
- The 6:00 a.m. shift (all families of each shift combine) need to bring 6 dozen sweet rolls, you may purchase these at baker boy for consistency
- Each shift should bring 1 gallon of lemonade and 1 gallon of ice tea frozen in plastic containers.
- Workers need to show up 15 minutes before their shift starts.
- Keep long hair tied up, avoid shorts, no halter tops, and absolutely no bare feet.

## Camping at the Fair Grounds

If you are planning on camping at the Fairgrounds during the Fair, the following contains some information you will need to know.

- Call the fair office if you would like a camping spot
- Camping requests should be in at the Fair Office before July 14th with fees (sent to the Fair Office)
- All camper units must be identified with the family name displayed in the front window of the camper (provided by fair office)
- Parking is for campers only. Guests must stay in the parking lot
- Keep your area clean
- Only those with special admission tickets: Superintendents, Fair employees, 4-H livestock leaders and 4-H campers shall park in this area.
- Absolutely no campers, trailers, etc. may extend in any manner, into the designated fire lane. If they do they will be towed at the owner's expense.
- AC units **must** be turned off when the camper is unoccupied. Keep electricity use to a minimum.

### ServSafe Program

There will be a food safety program for 4-H Leaders and Food Booth vendors on July 18th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Commercial Building. There will be a meal for all participants supplied courtesy Richland County Fair Board. Leaders need to call the Extension Office to RSVP by the July 14th. All 4-H leaders are encouraged to attend as there will be valuable information about food booths given.

### Leaders Meeting

At the July Leaders meeting topics discussed included the ServSafe program, committee's structure and a constitution reading for amendment at the September meeting.

It was discussed that leaders need to attend this food safety meeting. Food safety needs to be our top priority at the food booth.

The Leaders Council passed a motion to restructure the Livestock Committee to consist of one adult and one youth vote per club. The restructure of committee will take affect at the October meeting.

The following was submitted and read from Article VIII Section A of the Richland County 4-H Constitution for amendment; "At least 25% of the clubs in the County are required to be represented in order to form a quorum for the purpose of conducting business at any meeting." The amendment will be discussed at the September meeting.

### State Congress

#### Travel Changes

There has been a change in plans for the State Congress trip. Due to the increase in prices, we are no longer able to offer the State Congress bus for area counties. This year our delegation will be leaving from the High School bus barn at 6:00 a.m. on July 11th and returning to Sidney the afternoon of July 14th at approximately 3:00 p.m. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Extension Office.

#### Community Service

This year the 4-H community will be asked to collect pledges for a Make-A-Wish Foundation Walk-A-Thon. The foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. We will use our strength of heart and strength of health to help the Northwest Make-A-Wish Foundation full fill wishes for children living in Montana.

This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers to talk to their community about the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the important work that they do and how 4-H is helping to make wishes come true in Montana.

# Fair Barn Talk

## Attention Livestock Members

Over the last few years there have been a few changes. Members need to read the following and understand the changes so that there is no confusion at fair.

**2% Commission:** Members selling livestock will be assessed a commission, replacing; insurance, mat fee, check off fees, brand inspection, and Thank You plaque. **Starting in 2006 there will be an additional \$5 per animal taken out after commission to pay for the buyer appreciation program: June 2006.**

**Individual Pictures:** Over the past few years the individual pictures have been very popular with many buyers. This year pictures will be taken after each show to insure that we have good quality pictures. Steer pictures will be taken between the two beef barns and sheep and hog will be taken on the south side of the sheep and hog barn.

**Bill of Sale and Livestock Delivery Agreements:** Every member with market animals must have completed the MQA requirements. You must also have a Livestock Delivery Agreement and your bill of sale in Wednesday night at check-in or you will not be allowed to show and sell your animal.

### Livestock Buyer's Week

We have set aside July 17th- 22nd as Buyer Appreciation Week. 4-H members need to call the office by July 14th to sign up for at least one day to visit local businesses to promote our sale. We will also need adults to help out taking some of the groups around town. The goal for the buyer's week is to encourage more businesses to attend and to promote the premium part of our sale. Groups will be leaving the office at 2:00 with leader chaperones. There is also a pamphlet for sale promotion that can be picked up from the office.

### Livestock Stalls and Pens

If you need stalls for livestock and forgot to indicate how many on your entry form, please contact us at the Extension Office. This is our only way to know how many animals to prepare for.

**Group Picture:** We will have a group picture taken for a Thank You to buyers during the Fair rather than placing an expensive individual Thank You adds. The picture will be taken at around 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Please dress in your show attire

**Dress Code:** There is a dress code for all livestock exhibitors printed on page 17 of the 4-H Fair Book. All members will be required to adhere to this code during showing of animals, showmanship and during the sale. Members will be asked to leave the ring if they do not follow the requirements.

**Exhibit Numbers:** All livestock members are required to wear numbers on their back in order to exhibit. These numbers will be provided at check in on Wednesday, August 2nd, so make sure you get your number.

**Pen Bedding:** Members will again be responsible to provide their own bedding. **ABSOLUTELY NO STRAW!**

### Livestock Committee

The Livestock Committee Members voted and passed overwhelmingly at the April meeting a rule that will allow only members 12 years (4-H age) and older to show market steers. This rule was designed for the safety of 4-H members and only for their safety.

During the June meeting there was concern from a few families that this is an unfair rule for the younger members. There will be a special meeting on August 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Basement to address this ruling. If you feel that this is a good or bad ruling please feel to join the meeting and let your feelings be known. We will also discuss the structure of the livestock committee.