

# Clover Chatter



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## Important Reminders

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Hope that the Winter has been good to you so far. In the Office we are going through some changes. Darcy Peters started on February 21st and has been doing great. Darcy is a quick learner and we look forward to what the future will hold! Please help in welcoming Darcy by stopping by the office and saying Hello.

Believe it or not we are half way through another 4-H year, and what a year it has been so far! As we all know, this is the time of year that 4-H activities really get "cranked up". The fruit sale is now in progress, Speech and Demonstration Day are coming up and we have a new activity in the Aerospace program this spring. With some of the new projects, along with the traditional ones, we can continue to work on "Making the Best Better" and do our part to make 4-H the best experience possible for the youngsters who are involved.

Your 4-H Agent,

Wade Whiteman  
 Richland County Agent

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### **Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings set for April 3rd**

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The Livestock Committee will meet following the Executive Meeting at 8:00 p.m. We will discuss activities, events and any modifications that might need to be made to ensure the success of the livestock program. There has been a lot of discussion about the sale, the next few meeting will be very important to any decisions that are made.

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### **Market Hog & Lamb Weigh-In**

Hogs and sheep are to be weighed and tagged on Saturday, April 29th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the fair grounds. The Livestock Committee has made this a prerequisite in order to sell at the fair. Members may weigh 2 hogs and up to 5 lambs. Members weighing in market lambs, that were purchased from a producer need to have a scrapies tag from that producer, with their premise ID number. If you cannot make it Saturday, please make arrangements for someone to weigh them in for you.

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**Don't Forget the last day to Drop or Add Projects is March 31st!**

## Cake Decorating Class

There will be another cake decorating class for all 4-H Members to attend. Another workshop is in the plans for early June. If you are interested in attending, call Denice Ler (488-5504) for more information.

## Aerospace Workshop

Attention Members!!! There will be a workshop for all members later this spring on gliders. Members need to register for the workshop by March 17th so we can prepare gliders for all the members involved. The actual workshop will be in late April and will be presented by Eric Miller, Garfield County Extension Agent. This is a great opportunity to get involved in an exciting project.

## Fruit Sale

Our 28th Annual Fruit Sale is now underway! Organizational leaders have the sheets for members. Keep in mind that **All Orders must be turned in by your leaders by March 17th!** Remember that there are cash awards for the top 10 sellers: five for individuals, five for families and the top three selling clubs. As an extra incentive again this year five "mystery" people have been selected, one from Savage, Lambert, Fairview and two from Sidney. If you sell to one of these people, you will receive a \$20 bonus! So, the more contacts you make the better chance you have of earning one of these special awards. The mystery names will be announced following the sale.

Fruit will be delivered to **Big Spring Water on March 29th at 8:30 a.m. and every club needs to be present to help** with unloading and to make sure all the fruit is out of the building by 6:00 p.m. that evening.

All money needs to be turned into the Extension Office by April 11th. **Only one check from your club will be accepted!** Any club whose check is not submitted by the due date will forfeit the club's share of the sales. Hopefully everyone will work hard to make this year's sale a huge success! **All extra fruit will be purchased at time of pick-up and will not go toward club or member totals. Although the**

## Tri County Sewing Camp

This year's "Tri County Sewing Camp" has been scheduled to take place on June 7th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held at the Civic Center in Plentywood. The camp is open to all Richland, Roosevelt and Sheridan County 4-H members, as well as adults (you do not have to be enrolled in clothing to attend). This year the project will be a flannel rag quilt. More information will be in the May Clover Chatter on materials needed.

There will be a registration fee of \$10 for students and \$5 for adults; this will cover the workshops, snacks and meals. This year there is a limit of 35 participants, so you will want to **register ASAP** to secure your spot. Registration will be available at the Richland County Extension Office and all checks need to be made out to Sheridan County Extension and sent to their office with the registration.



## "Learn by Doing" PHOTO CONTEST

Montana State University Extension's 4-H Youth Development program is sponsoring a 4-H Clover Photo Contest for 4-H members and other Montana youth. The theme of the contest is "Learn by Doing."

Montana youth under the age of 18 are invited to enter photos of themselves, their friends and 4-H mentors (teen leaders, parents, 4-H leaders and other volunteers) involved in experiential learning through Montana 4-H. Ideas for activities to picture include working on 4-H projects, after-school 4-H activities, 4-H camp activities, 4-H volunteer work and other hands-on learning through Montana 4-H.

One \$100 prize and two \$50 prizes will be given (statewide) for favorite photos that show pictures of kids learning by doing through Montana 4-H.

Contact the Extension Office for more details.

## Available Scholarships

Richland County 4-H lost a long time leader in 2004. Marianne Goss was a leader for 27 years with many accomplishments in the program. She sat on the food booth committee for many years and held positions on the Council. Through 4-H, Marianne touched many members and will be missed. In memory, one scholarship of \$250 will be awarded through the Montana 4-H Foundation for the next 3 years. A scholarship application is available at the Extension Office for all graduating seniors with the intentions of going to college. The scholarship application is due April 3rd to the Extension Office.

## Leader's Meeting May 1st

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 1st beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Sidney Public Library Basement. Plans for summer activities and Fair will be the main focus. Please make plans to have your club represented!

## Speech Workshop

Amy Redman will be conducting a speech workshop open to all members that are interested on giving speeches. This is a great opportunity for younger members that want to learn the proper way of giving a speech. The workshop will be held on March 11th from 1:00 -2:00 p.m. at the Library Basement. With speech day just around the corner this would be a great chance to brush up on your skills!

## Club Meeting Requirements

Just a reminder that in order to exhibit at the Fair, members must attend at least 50% of their club meetings during the year. We are at the half-way point, so you may want to check and see what your attendance record is to avoid potential problems later. As in the past, the Council is very adamant about enforcing this requirement.

# Feed Yard Talk

## MQA Training

A Market Quality Assurance training is planned for March 17th at 6:00 p.m. and March 18th at 10:00 a.m. for members to become MQA certified. As a reminder, every 4-H member is required to be certified every two years in order to sell their livestock at the fair. This training is designed to be hands on so that members will learn MQA techniques in a more exciting way. Our records show that there is a large number of members that need to be certified, so please make every attempt possible to make it to either training. Members need to pre register at the Extension Office by March 16th so we can prepare for supplies.

## District 4 Livestock Judging

State Congress is slowly approaching! Have you been practicing for State Congress? It is strongly recommended that if you are on the team, you should attend this judging competition. The District 4 Livestock Judging Contest will be held on April 30th at Glasgow. If you are interested in this competition, let the Extension Office know so that we can pre-register for the competition. All members of the State Congress Team should take in this competition!

### Dates To Remember

Shooting Sports	March 11
Speech Day 6 p.m.	March 27
Fruit Sale	March 7-17
Fruit Delivery	March 29
MQA Certification, 6 p.m.	March 17
10 a.m.	March 18
Drop Add Day	March 31
Executive/Livestock 7 p.m./8 p.m.	April 3
Fruit Money Due	April 10
Demonstration Day	April 24
Sheep/Hog Weigh-In 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	April 29
Next Leaders Meeting 7:30 p.m.	May 1

### Jr. Leaders Meeting, April 23rd

The Jr. Leaders will be holding their April meeting on April 23rd at Miller's Corner at 3:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be the Food Drive and this years Mini Congress.

### Speech Day

Our annual 4-H Speech Contest has been scheduled for Monday, March 27th. This event for both Jr. and Sr. members will take place at Rau School and begins at 6:00 p.m. Members may choose any topic they wish. Jr. speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length and Sr. talks are to be 5-7 minutes long. In addition, Sr. members will be also required to present a 3 minute impromptu speech. **NO VISUAL AIDS** may be used, but note cards are acceptable. The deadline for pre-registration is March 22nd. A complete set of guidelines is available for contestants at the Extension Office.



### Shooting Sports, April 8th

Our last shooting sports event is scheduled for April 8th. Members up to age 10 will shoot from 9-10 a.m., age 11 years old and up will shoot from 10-12. Remember you must pre-register by April 5th to receive your \$2!

### Mini Congress

*"STEP UP - STEP OUT"*

Mark down Tuesday, June 6th on your calendars. Richland County Junior Leaders will be hosting a Mini Congress for all Jr. Members, 11 and older. This activity filled day will be modeled after State Congress, with competitions in the morning, workshops in the afternoon, an awards banquet and dance. Registration information is available at the Extension Office and is due back by May 19th. If you would like more information, please call Richland County Extension Office at (406) 433-1206 or contact a Jr. Leader.



### Jr Trip Reminder

This is just a reminder to all Junior 4-H members (9-13 yrs) about the Jr. Trip requirements. In order to be eligible to go on the trip, you must compete in atleast one county wide competitive event, such as Speech Contest, Demonstration Day, Fashion Review, or Ag Days Livestock Judging. There are only a few events left to qualify you for this trip, so make sure you don't miss out! If things go as planned, this years trip is a new adventure that you definitely don't want to miss!!!!

### Web Page Info

Are you having problems getting to the web page? The link has changed to [www.richland.org/extension](http://www.richland.org/extension) due to the new template from MSU. Members can now pre-register for many 4-H activities such as shooting sports and even the fair (After June 1).

# 4-H Demonstrations

## April 24th, 2006



Demonstration Night has been set for April 24th, with both Junior and Senior events being held at the Sidney High School. At the bottom of this page is the pre-registration form we would like all participants to fill out and return to the Extension Office by April 19th. *No late registrations will be accepted.*

The Junior event will begin at 6:00 p.m. Judges and participants should be present at least 15 minutes prior to the start of each event. Remember, in the Junior division blue ribbon demonstrations will receive \$5 cash reward, red \$3 and white \$1. Also, the club with the highest number of members participating will receive \$25 and the second place club will get \$15. Senior Demonstrations will be competing for a trip to State 4-H Congress in July!

### Helpful Hints

- Be neat and well groomed with appropriate clothing
- No T-Shirts, torn, or dirty clothing
- Ask questions following your demonstration and refer to Bulletin 5238 *"Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks"*
- No set time limit for Junior Division
- Senior Division has a 7 minute minimum and 20 minute maximum
- Be prepared to give your demonstration twice incase you are selected as a finalist
- The top boy and girl in each Junior group will advance to the final run-off if numbers warrant.

**There will be refreshments for everyone**

**Plan to take part and make this our biggest Demonstration Day ever!**

### Demonstration Day Entry Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Demonstration \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description and Time Required: \_\_\_\_\_

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