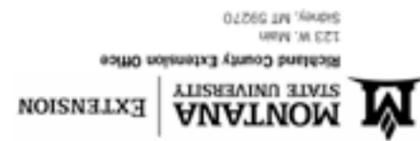




**Important Reminders**

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Date TBA  
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**Scholarship Applications Due April 1**

All applications for scholarships, both county and state, are due April 1st. Scholarships available at the county level are the Ann Bauman Scholarship, the Swigart Memorial Scholarship, the Pat Whiteman Scholarship, Richland County Memorial Scholarship and the Livestock Scholarship. The applications can be found on the 4-H website.

There is also a link to the State 4-H website, the application for the Foundation scholarships can be found under programs. New this year to their scholarships is the Shooting Sports Scholarship. All the Foundation Scholarships can be applied for with one application.

**4-H Centennial**

In preparation for the MT 4-H centennial, there are several projects the state is working on. These include a "coffee table" book, a link on the website to each counties history, and county displays.

The focus of the project is to promote 4-H and its' continuing positive influence on youth, to describe the fundamentals of 4-H, and the influence 4-H has had on the people of Montana and their way of life.

The "coffee table" book is going to be a 200-page book with an entry representing each county. Counties are asked to send in the top 5 stories/photos gathered in their countyover the past decades. These are due by April 1.

The display boards are to depict the history and impact of 4-H in our county. We are asked to create a 3 x 4 food tri-fold display that will be in the Capitol Rotunda on April 19th. Following the day at the Capitoll, the displays will travel the state for the next 1-1/2 year. They will be displayed at the Leaders Forum both in 2011 and 2012, State Congress, and other events during the 2012 year.

The county histories link that will be on the 4-H website will be shorter and more factual than the "coffee table" book. This information needs to be submit by June 1st.

Anyone who has ideas for these projects are asked to contact the office or a member of the Exec Council no later than March 21st.



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

## Fruit Sale

Our 33rd 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 11th!** Each club will need to turn in **one sheet** with all individual or family totals. Remember that there are cash awards for the top 10 sellers: 5 for individuals, 5 for families and the top 3 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 **County Road Department on March 24th at 2:00 p.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 5:00 p.m. that evening.

All money needs to be turned into the Extension Office by March 31st. **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 member will receive the premium for that box. More order sheets & premium amounts can be found on the website.**

## Community Service Project

The Richland County Fair Board is in need of additional picnic tables and benches for the fair grounds. They will supply all materials and building plans for these items. Any clubs that are interested in building these should contact Jamie at the fair office 433-2801. This is a great club project and fills a community need.



## Rec Lab 2011

Rec Lab will be held in Shelby, Montana, April 1-3. 4-H'ers who were 13 years old as of October 1, 2010 are eligible to attend. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 1 and closing ceremonies start Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

All activities will take place at the Shelby School complex. Housing will be at the elementary and high schools. Participants need to bring sleeping bags, air mattresses, and ect with them. Any hotel arrangements are your own responsibility and at your own cost.

Registration deadline is March 11. All participants must register online. Go to <http://montana.4h.org> to register. Once you have filled out the medical release, code of conduct, and media release, bring them to the office with your payment for a shirt, if you want one. Make sure you mark your workshops as they are first-come first-serve.

More info is available on the state 4-H site.

# Feed Yard Talk

## MQA Trainings

An MQA training will be held for members who need their 2-year certification April 3rd at 1:00 p.m. at Dynneson's Feedlot. If you are unsure whether you need to attend, please call the Extension Office.

## Steer of Merit Standards

Hot carcass weight: 600-900 lb  
Dressing percentage: 55-68%  
Ribeye area: less than or equal to 17.5 sq. inches  
Back fat: 0.15 - 0.60 inches  
Yield grade: less than or equal to 2.99  
Quality grade: Choice minus or higher  
Cutability: greater than or equal to 51%  
Dark Cutter: None allowed

Carcasses will be ranked using two sorts: first by price per hundred-weight, secondly by cutability.

## Starter Flock Program

The MT Columbia Association is awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at 406-937-2775 or email her at [wallywld@northerntel.net](mailto:wallywld@northerntel.net). This program is for youth aged 10-17. Application deadline is July 15.



## Selecting a Market Hog

You may select a barrow or gilt, which may be purebred or crossbred. Gilts that are entered in breeding classes are not eligible to compete in market classes. You may show a gilt in the market class but the same gilt cannot be shown in the breeding classes. A feeder pig suitable for a project animal could weigh anywhere from 70-85 lbs. at weigh-in in April. When selecting your project, look for a healthy pig that:

- is well muscled
- has a minimal amount of back fat
- has deep, full hams
- is long, trim, and smooth
- walks free of any stiffness or lameness
- is thrifty and free of disease

## Top of Dakota

The Top of Dakota show pig and lamb sale is April 16th at noon central time at the North Dakota State Fair Grounds in Minot. This is a great opportunity for members to pick up high quality show animals.

## Market Hog & Lamb Weigh-In

Hogs and sheep are to be weighed and tagged on **ONLY** Thursday, April 28th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the fair grounds. Members may weigh 3 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. **Out of state hogs need health papers!**

## Horsemanship Clinics

Clinician Don Knapp from Sulphur, OK will be in Glendive June 16-26 to conduct Natural Horseman-ship Clinics. There are three levels in for these clinics.

- Level 1 - June 16-20
- Level 2 - June 20-22
- Level 3 - June 24-26

There is a limit of 12 riders in each clinic. Riders must be at least 8 years old and have some riding experience. For more information contact Waynette, Crystal, or the Extension Office.

## Dates To Remember

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Shooting Sports                   | March 12 |
| Fruit Sale Ends                   | March 11 |
| Fruit Delivery                    | March 24 |
| Speech/Demo Day 2 p.m.            | March 20 |
| Drop Add Day                      | March 31 |
| Fruit Money Due                   | March 31 |
| Scholarships Apps Due             | April 1  |
| Executive/Livestock 7 p.m./8 p.m. | April 4  |
| Fair Book Meeting 6:00 pm         | April 4  |
| Sheep/Hog Weigh-In                | April 28 |
| Next Leaders Meeting 7:00 p.m.    | May 2    |

## Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 2nd 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 be discussing this year's fair, so don't miss this one!

## Fair Book Meeting

There will be a fair book meeting April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. All departments need to have any changes to the office prior to this meeting or be in attendance.

## Food Booth Schedule

Food Booth Sign up will be held after the May Leaders meeting on May 2nd. We will be signing up as clubs after the regular meeting. Each club will have one representative that will stay after the meeting to sign up. There will be ten shifts to be filled by ten clubs. The order of clubs picking their shift is based on last year's order, with last choosing first. A club may trade with other clubs at that time. The schedule will then be published in the May Clover Chatter to give everyone time to adjust their schedules. The schedule is as follows:

|                  |                                      |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, Aug 3 | 4:30 - 10:00                         |
| Thursday, Aug 4  | 6:30-11:30   11:30-4:30   4:30-10:00 |
| Friday, Aug 5    | 6:30-11:30   11:30-4:30   4:30-10:00 |
| Saturday, Aug 6  | 6:30-11:30   11:30-4:30   4:30-10:00 |

## Montana 4-H News

### International Inbound:

Host families needed for summer Inbound programs. Japan program dates: July 21-August 19.

There is also a need for host families for 4 high school students for the full year from Eurasia or Japan.

Host families are also needed for IFYE students from Austria, Greece, Sweden, Germany, and possibly the UK.

For more information contact Beth Foster gb-fosterinmt@msn.com or Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu.

## Extension Internships

There are several summer internships available in the state this year. The intern will gain professional experience in utilizing informal education strategies by partnering with agents to plan, implement, and evaluate outreach and/or research programs for adults and you in field offices. The application deadline is March 10. More information and application can be found at <http://www.msuentension.org/jobs/PAs/2011interns.pdf>. Offices located in Cut Bank, Billings, Butte, Phillipsburg, Eureka, Missoula, Livingston, and Thompson Falls are interested in having an intern.

## Leader's Meeting May 2nd

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 2nd beginning at 7:00 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!

## 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.

## 4-H Demonstrations Registration Form

### Demonstration 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 in case 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Demonstration \_\_\_\_\_

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



The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. March 20th at the Sidney High School. Participants should be present at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the 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. Blue Ribbon Senior Demonstrations will be competing for a trip to State 4-H Congress in July!

## Registration Due March 16th

*No late registrations will be accepted.*

**There will be refreshments for everyone**

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

**For members interested in participating in both Speech and Demonstration, scheduling considerations will be taken into account. Please be at the school by 2:00 p.m. so you can be ready for contest presentations.**



## 4-H Speech Registration Form

### Speech Helpful Hints

Members may choose any topic they wish. *Jr. speeches must be 3-5 minutes in length for 8-10 year olds and 5-7 minutes for 11-13 year olds. Sr. speeches 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Club \_\_\_\_\_ Years in 4-H \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title of Speech \_\_\_\_\_

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