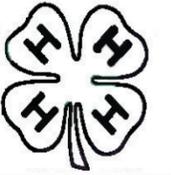


Clover Chatter



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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We are proud to welcome Becky Krause to the Richland County Extension Office. Becky comes to us with an agricultural background and an education in Administrative Business from NDSCS in Wahpeton. Welcome Becky!



It has been a great year with many new members joining our group. We are now in the time of year that activities get really cranked up. The fruit sale is currently in progress, we still have a few more shooting sports events on the schedule and speech and demonstration day is coming fast. There is certainly enough to keep everyone busy!!

The Agents from this region are excited to announce the addition of a regional camp to this area. Many past 4-Her's can testify that a camp experience is one that will last a life time. We are now looking for interested Leaders and Sr. Members that would be interested in helping with this camp. I hope that you can take advantage of this opportunity make this camp a great success.

Sincerely,

Wade Whiteman
MSU Extension Agent- Richland County

Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings set for April 2nd

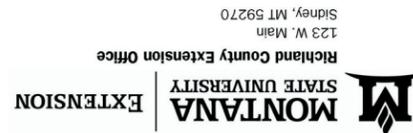
The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.

The Livestock Committee will meet following the Executive Meeting at 8:00 p.m. We will be discussing the livestock showmanship judge for the upcoming year, the dates for the area club animal sales and the carcass show at M-3 Meats for this years fair. This is the time to come share your opinion.

Summer Camp!!!!

There will be a regional summer camp offered this year for area youth ages 8-13 as of October 1st. The camp will be located at the Boy Scout Camp at Fort Peck and will include members and leaders from Daniels, Sheridan, Valley and Roosevelt counties. The camp will run from June 5th through the 7th. Area Sr. Members will be not only be selected as the counselors, but also be in charge of planning the activities. We are in need of Sr. Members and Leaders for this camp, so please take time to look over the insert one the camp or check it out on the web page.

Don't Forget the last day to Drop or Add Projects is April 2nd!



Cake Decorating / Knitting Class

A cake decorating and knitting class is being scheduled for March 10th. Cake decorating will be from 1:00-2:30 p.m. The knitting class will follow at 2:30. For more information and to pre-register for these workshops contact Denice Ler at 488-5504.

Demonstration Committee Meeting

There will be a committee meeting for Demonstration Day on March 14th at 4:00 pm at the Bean Bag. If you are interested in helping with the planning of this year's event, make sure to attend this meeting.

SEW MUCH FUN WORKSHOP

The 3rd workshop will be held Saturday March 17 from 1 – 4 pm at the Library basement. The project will be using Simplicity JR Trend Skirt Pattern. This pattern will be available to copy that day if needed. Supplies needed are 1 ½ yard cotton – (preferably any print except plaid), 1 ½ yard of 1” elastic, thread to match and general sewing supplies and sewing machine. Please register at the Extension Office by Wednesday March 14. Call Sara if you have questions 406-569-2020.

Livestock Judging

Livestock judging practices will be continuing for all members interested in livestock judging. The next practices will be 3/15, 4/5 and 4/19 starting at 6 pm. Contact the Office the day of practice for location.

Fashion/Quilt Revue

Mark your calendars for this years 4-H Fashion and Quilt Revue which will be tentatively held the last week of May – with the dates of May 29, 30, or 31, depending on the availability of the locations being considered. There will be more info in the May Clover Chatter.

Fruit Sale Info

Our 29th 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 19th !** 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 3:30 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 6:00 p.m. that evening.

All money needs to be turned into the Extension Office by April 9th. **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 the time of pick-up and will not go toward club or member totals. Although the member will receive the premium for that box.**



Horse Helmet Safety Rule

In Richland County, it has been voted to keep safety helmets optional. Although it is going to be highly recommended that helmets be used at all times when showing and riding horses. This will include Monday Night's this summer and during the fair. Due to helmets being optional, all members will have to sign and return a helmet release form and medical release for this year. This form will release all parties from responsibility for any accidents associated with a 4-H event, including practices. The forms may be picked up at the office and are due back by May 15th. If you have any question or concerns, please feel free to call the Extension Office.

Leader's Meeting May 7th

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

Area Horse Judging

The County Horse Judging will be held on April 14th at the Sidney Saddle Club. This event is open to all members in 4-H and would be a great opportunity for members to work on their judging skills. The contest will begin at 1:00 pm. If you would like more information, contact Pat Wick at 798-3620.

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

District 4 Livestock Judging

The District 4 Livestock Judging is going to be held in Sidney this year. The event is planned for April 22 at the Richland County Fair Grounds. Registration will begin at 12 noon with the contest starting at 1:00 pm sharp. Registration cost will be \$5.00/participant and \$3.00 for chaperones. If you are interested in judging in this contest contact the office at register prior to April 18th.

Market Hog & Lamb Weigh-In

Hogs and sheep are to be weighed and tagged on Thursday, April 26th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Monday, April 28th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the fair grounds. 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.

Dairy Calf Project

This year we will be offering a new project for members interested in the dairy project, but are unable to have an animal at their home. Oliver Dairy and Lunderby Feedlot will be opening their doors for members to “adopt” a calf (4-10 mo. old) this summer. Members will be attending to their animals 6-8 weeks prior to the fair and must show at the fair. Member must supply their own halter, brush and show clothes for the Fair. If interested in this project, you must add Dairy 1 prior to the April 2 Drop/Add date and contact Melanie Oliver at 776.2044.

Dates To Remember

Shooting Sports	March 10
Speech Day, 6 p.m.	March 26
Fruit Sale	March 5-19
Fruit Delivery	March 29
Drop /Add Day	April 2
Executive/Livestock 7 p.m./8 p.m.	April 2
Fruit Money Due	April 11
Demonstration Day	April 23
Sheep/Hog Weigh-In	April 26, 28
Next Leaders Meeting 7:30 p.m.	May 7

Jr. Leaders Meeting, March 18

The Jr. Leaders will be holding their March meeting on March 18th at Miller's Corner starting at 7:00 p.m. The topic of discussion will be this year's camp. All Sr. members are encourage to attend this meeting to help brain storm for ideas. Please come prepared with a workshop idea that would be appropriate for a camp. For more information on the camp, please note the insert regarding the camp.

Speech Day

Our annual 4-H Speech Contest has been scheduled for Monday, March 26th. 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. speeches are to be 5-7 minutes long. In addition, Sr. Members will also be 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 23rd. A complete set of guidelines is available for contestants at the Extension Office.



Recreation Lab

Recreation Lab registration information is now available for members to pick up. The event will be held in Bozeman from April 20-22. Pre registration is due the Extension Office by April 2nd.

For those who are not familiar with Rec. Lab, the event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec. Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

Current 4-H members age 13+ as of October 1st of the 4-H year are eligible to attend this event. For the interactive application log onto the Richland County 4-H web page or call the Extension Office.

Ambassador Applications

All members interested in becoming an Ambassador need to fill out an application and return it to the Extension Office prior to April 2nd. The interview for the position will be held during the Exec Meeting on April 2nd. The Ambassador program is very rewarding for those members interested in making the extra effort to promote our great program in Sidney. Applications are available at the Extension Office or on the web.

Shooting Sports, April 7th

Our last shooting sports event is scheduled for April 7th. Members up to age 10 will shoot from 9-10 a.m., age 11 and up will shoot from 10-12. Remember you must pre-register by April 5th to receive your \$2!

Speech/Demo Workshop

Amy Redman will be conducting a Demonstration Workshop on April 3rd at the Library Basement. It will begin at 6 pm and cover the essentials to a good Demonstration.

4-H Demonstrations



April 23th, 2007

Demonstration Night has been set for April 23th, 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 20th. *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 Deomonstrations 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: _____
