

Food Booth Changes

Food Booth Sign up will be held after at the May Leaders meeting on May 4th. 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, one for each club available and one "floater shift". The Wednesday night shift will be filled by volunteer/floaters. We will draw to see which club chooses first and so on. Once all clubs have chosen their spot, 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. Clubs will need to come up with times that will work for the club. The schedule is as follows:

Thursday Aug 6	6:30-11:30 11:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 10:00
Friday Aug 7	6:30-11:30 11:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 10:00
Saturday Aug 8	6:30-11:30 11:30 - 4:30 4:30 - 10:00

This process was agreed to by the exec committee, food chairperson, and Ext Staff.

Jr Master Gardener

Members age 9 to 12 are encouraged to take part in this year's Jr Master Gardener 4-H Program. We will be starting on March 12 at 3:30 pm at the Library Basement. The first class will be starting plants indoors and continue through May on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The class will include hands on learning and community service. If you are interested in this series of classes, please register with the Extension Office to help us plan for materials and treats.

Summer Camps!!!!

Fort Peck Camp: This years camp will be held at the Pine Youth Camp at Fort Peck on June 29, 30 and July 1st. Registrations will be sent out once they are available. The Counselor Retreat will be on May 3rd at Culbertson. Applications to be a counselor are located on the camp web site. www.richland.org/camp

Cooking Camp: This years Cooking Camp will be held in Sidney July 14, 2009. Please check the online calendar for details. More details will be in the next Clover Chatter.

Important Reminders

Fruit Sale

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Speech Contest

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Fruit Delivery

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Exec/Livestock Council

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Shooting Sports

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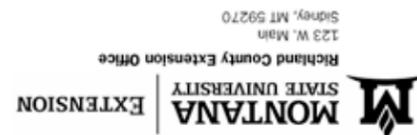
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Hog & Sheep Weigh-in

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Leader's Meeting

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Note Date Change

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

Fruit Sale

Our 31st 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 16th!** 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 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 **County Road Department on March 26th at 2:30 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 5:00 p.m. that evening.

All money needs to be turned into the Extension Office by April 6th. **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 can be found on the web site.**

Sew Much Fun Workshop

Saturday, March 14 from 1 – 4 will be the next sewing workshop. We will be finishing the polar fleece hoodie.. We will also be working on the next project of your choice – several 4-H'ers are making another outfit for fashion revue – so bring patterns & fabric if you have it. Anyone is welcome to bring any sewing project – quilt, garment or anything else, - it is a great dedicated time to work on a project & instructional help will be available. We will continue this format in April & May – to get ready for the 4-H Fashion & Quilt Revue tentatively scheduled for Thursday May 28. Please register for the workshops by calling the Extension Office at 433-1206 or Leslie at 569-2020 by Wednesday March 11.

Tri-County Sewing Camp

Save the date of Wednesday June 10 for a day long sewing camp to be held in Culbertson MT. Several fun projects, including a community service project will be made that day. More information and registration will be in the May Clover Chatter.

Leathercraft Workshop

Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 1 pm there will be a leathercraft workshop held at the Extension Office. Rick Tuttle will be available to help you with your projects. Please bring your project and all of your tools.

Fair Eligibility Requirement Change

At the recent Leaders Meeting it was voted into bylaws that all members that plan to attend the 2010 fair will be required to turn in a record book this fall.

“Completed record books, as per 4-H record sheet, are required to attend the next year's state and council sponsored events including the fair.”

This will not affect this years fair. Fifteen minutes at each meeting will more than get a book completed. A sample book is being put together for all members to look at. If you need any help with your book, please feel free to give our office a call and we can help you out.

Feed Yard Talk

MQA Trainings

Two trainings will be held for members who need their 2-year certification. March 10th at 4:30 @ Library Basement and March 23 at 6pm @ Ext Office.

District 4 Livestock Judging

Once again the District 4 Livestock Judging is going to be held in Sidney this year. The event is planned for April 19 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 by office and register prior to April 18th. This year the Mondak Stockgrowers will be organizing the event. We would like to thank you for all your hard work.

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.

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 18th 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 23th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.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. Out of state hogs need health papers!

Livestock Judging Informtaion

Laura Schieber will be holding the next judging clinic on Sunday, March 8th at the Dynneson Feedlot at 1:00pm. The next contest is on March 14th in Hysham. Their meetings have all been on Sundays and may be looking at meeting after school with the longer days and no basketball. They will also be offering a beginner's class for members who have never judged. For details contact Laura at 482-6317 or email her at schiebers03@hotmail.com

Dates To Remember

Shooting Sports	March 14
Fruit Sale Ends	March 16
Fruit Delivery	March 26
Speech Day 6 p.m.	March 30
Drop Add Day	March 31
Executive/Livestock 7 p.m./8 p.m.	April 6
Fruit Money Due	April 6
Demonstration Day	April 20
Sheep/Hog Weigh-In	April 23
Next Leaders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	May 4

Speech Day

Our annual 4-H Speech Contest has been scheduled for Monday, March 30th. 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 27th. A complete set of guidelines is available for contestants at the Extension Office.



Stamping Workshop

A stamping workshop conducted by Terri Zadow will be held Thursday March 19 from 3:30 – 5:00 pm at the Library basement. Sign up will be by Wednesday March 18. The basics of stamping will be covered in this workshop. Terri will bring the materials needed for this workshop so registration is important so she will have enough for all participants. Call Terri if you have questions at 488-4293.

State 4-H Office News

4-40-400 CHALLENGE

The Montana 4-H Foundation is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2009. Their purpose is support to state-wide 4-H Programs and projects. They disperse about \$100,000 a year in support of statewide efforts. They are issuing a challenge to members, clubs and counties. The challenge is for every member to donate \$4, every club to donate \$40 and every county to donate \$400. Be creative in your thinking. It doesn't need to come from your budget. Unique ideas will be published in our newsletter for others to read about.

goodsearch.com

Using goodsearch.com as your search engine instead of Yahoo or Google helps support 4-H in Montana. Designate the Montana 4-H Foundation as the beneficiary as you log on and the proceeds will benefit Montana 4-H programs.

Health Rocks!!

Don't forget that Up for the Challenge curriculum is available for FREE download at <http://www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=77>

Leader's Meeting May 4th

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 4th 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 April 20th

Demonstration Night has been set for April 20th, 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 17th. *No late registrations will be accepted.*

The 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 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

**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: _____

Demonstration Committee Meeting

There will be a committee meeting for Demonstration Day on March 31st at 4:30 pm at Miller's Corner. If you are interested in helping with the planning of this year's event, make sure to attend this meeting.

Shooting Sports, April 11th

Our last shooting sports event is scheduled for April 11th. Members up to age 14 will shoot from 9:00-10:30 a.m., all senior members will shoot at 10:30-11:00. Remember you must pre-register to receive your \$2!

Trap Shooting

The trap shooting year will kick off on April 26th with clean up at 1pm with shooting to follow. Shoots will follow every Sunday in May and June at 3 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Tammy Dynneson.

Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 6th 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!

Jr Leader Fundraiser

The Jr Leaders will be serving a meal followed by a dance at the Triangle Nite Club on April 3rd from 7 to 9 pm. All past and current 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to attend this great event.

