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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, 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.

**Rec Lab - Spark Your Imagination!**

Spark your Imagination and register today to attend the 2010 Montana 4-H Rec Lab held in Corvallis, Montana, April 16-18. Over 30 different workshops are being offered over the course of five sessions ranging from archery and photography to the culinary arts and a scavenger hunt! Rec Lab is for youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2009. Registration includes lodging, workshop fees, meals, and a t-shirt. Be sure to mark your workshops, as they are determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. Also be sure to mark your size for your t-shirt, all attendees will receive one. **Event details and registration form is available online at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Go to events and then Rec Lab.**

**Summer Camps!!!!**

**Counselors needed!!!!**

**Fort Peck Camp:** This years camp will be held at the Pine Youth Camp at Fort Peck on June 28, 29, and 30. Registrations will be sent out once they are available. The Counselor Retreat will be April 24th & 25th in Culbertson. Applications to be a counselor are located at [www.richland.org/camp](http://www.richland.org/camp).

**Sewing Camp:** There will be a Sewing Camp be held later this summer. More details will be in the next Clover Chatter following a planning meeting.

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

## Fruit Sale

Our 32nd 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 15th!** 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 25th 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 April 5th. **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.



### Jr Leader Fundraiser

The Jr Leaders will be serving a meal followed by a dance at the Triangle Nite Club on April 9th from 6 to 9 pm. All past and current 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to attend this great event. This year, it will also be open to any community member who would like to come support 4-H. The Junior Leaders will be selling advance tickets for \$20. You will have a choice of steak or shrimp. There will be raffle baskets given away. Proceeds will go towards several Richland County 4-H programs.



### Gavel Games

We are looking at putting together a team to participate in Gavel Games at State Congress. If there is enough interest, we would have a contest in late May or June. Please contact the office if you are interested in forming a team.

### Shooting Sports, April 10th

Our last shooting sports event is scheduled for April 10th starting at 9:00 a.m. Remember you must pre-register to receive your \$2!

### Trap Shooting

The trap shooting year will kick off this May. Shoots will be scheduled at the first shoot which will be in the May Clover. If you would like more information, please contact Tammy Dynneson.

### Bulk Ammunition

Would you be interested in taking part in sharing a bulk order of shotgun shells? We have found a source to order cases of shells at a considerable savings to the trapshooting program. Please contact either Tammy Dynneson at 798-3661 or the Extension Office if interested.

### Shooting Sports Volunteer Training

A statewide training for 4-H shooting sports volunteers is scheduled for April 30th - May 1 in Malta, MT. We **need** leaders to attend for air rifle, archery, and trapshoot training. Only one discipline is available per participant.

The enrollment **deadline is April 21st.** There is a pretest and form that needs to be filled out, please stop and pick these forms up prior to deadline.

# Feed Yard Talk

## MQA Trainings

Two trainings will be held for members who need their 2-year certification. March 23 at 4:30 & 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. 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.

## State 4-H Horse Show Logo Contest

The 2010 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year’s show. Entries are due May 7. The winner’s artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule books, t-shirts, and promotional material for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available at the Extension Office or on the Horse Show web page: <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/Statehorseshow/index.htm>.

### 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 17th 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 29th 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!**

## Carcass Training

MSU Beef Specialist, Rachel Endecott will be holding an Extension Agent Carcass Training that will be open to any one interested in attending. Topics covered will be grading of beef, lamb, and hog carcasses. This will be held Wednesday, June 2 from 9 - 3.

The morning portion of the training will be held in the ARS meeting room followed by the afternoon portion which will be in the cooler at M3 Meats. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

## Dates To Remember

Shooting Sports	March 13
Fruit Sale Ends	March 15
Fruit Delivery	March 25
Speech/Demo Day 6 p.m.	March 29
Drop Add Day	March 31
Scholarships Apps Due	April 1
Executive/Livestock 7 p.m./8 p.m.	April 5
Fruit Money Due	April 5
Fair Book Meeting 6:00 pm	April 5
Sheep/Hog Weigh-In	April 29
Next Leaders Meeting 7:00 p.m.	May 3

## Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 5th 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 5 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 3rd. 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 4	4:30 - 10:00
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

## Montana 4-H News

### 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.

### **International Inbound:**

Host families needed for summer Inbound programs. Japan program dates: July 21-August 19. Applications are available on the web at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org). Application deadlines: April 1.

### **Pen Pals**

Recently a 4-H leader in Norway, Maine, Cynthia Ouellette, contacted the state office looking for kids to be pen pals with the kids in her club. The age groups range from 5-15 years. If any club is interested, you can contact her at [speedbuggy097@yahoo.com](mailto:speedbuggy097@yahoo.com).



## Leader's Meeting May 3rd

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 3rd 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 6:00 p.m. 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 26th

*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 6:00 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 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

Title of Speech \_\_\_\_\_

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