

Jr. Leaders Dinner and Dance

This year's Dinner and Dance will be held on April 12th at the VFW in Sidney. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the dance will be from 8:30 to 10:00 p.m. There will be two choices for dinner, steak or shrimp. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from Richland County Jr. Leaders or by calling the Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

Speech and Demonstration Day

Speech and Demonstration Day will be on April 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Sidney High School. The registration deadline is March 28th. Please bring the forms filled out to the Extension Office by April 5th. There is a form included in this edition of the Clover Chatter or contact the office if you need more forms.

Day Managers for Food Booth

With Fair rapidly approaching, we are looking for 2 day managers per day to work the 4-H Food Booth. Included in this edition of the Clover Chatter are day manager responsibilities. These lists of responsibilities will give all an idea of the tasks that need to be done during the shifts. We will be drawing shifts at the May Leaders Meeting, as well as selecting day managers. Please look over these responsibilities and if you have any questions please contact the Extension Office.

Scholarships

Attention High School Senior! All scholarships are **due April 1st**; this includes *both Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships as well as Richland County scholarships.*

For more information on the Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships check out <http://montana4h.org/#program:3> . All seniors will be receiving a packet from the office that includes all Richland County scholarships.

Important Reminders

Rec Lab

March 22-24th

Fruit Delivery

March 28th - 8:00 a.m. tentative

Exec/Livestock Council

April 1, 2013, 7:00/8:00

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Shooting Sports

April 6 and May 18, 2013

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Speech/Demo Contest

April 7, 2013

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Fruit Money Due

April 8, 2013

Hog & Sheep Weigh-in

April 25, 2013

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Leader's Meeting

May 6, 2013

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Ranch Horse Competition

June 22, 2013

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

Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 1st 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!

Leader's Meeting May 6th

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 6th beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Plans for summer activities and Fair will be the main focus. Please make plans to have your club represented!



Jr. Leaders Meeting

There is a change in the next Jr. Leaders meeting time. The next meeting will be held on April 7th at 6:30 at the Sidney High School after Speech and Demonstration day ends. At this meeting we will be finishing up details for the Dinner and Dance.

Food Booth Schedule

Food Booth Sign up will be held after the May Leaders meeting on May 6th. 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 eleven shifts to be filled by eleven 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 2: 11:30 - 4:30 | 4:30 - 10:00

Thursday, Aug 3: 6:30-11:30 | 11:30-4:30 | 4:30-10:00

Friday, Aug 4: 6:30-11:30 | 11:30-4:30 | 4:30-10:00

Saturday, Aug 5: 6:30-11:30 | 11:30-4:30 | 4:30-10:00



Fashion Revue

The date chosen for this year's Fashion Revue is June 3rd. The registration deadline is May 24th. This event is still in the planning stages and the committee is working very hard to make this event a success. There will be more information on this event in the May Clover Chatter.

Rec Lab

Montana 4-H Rec Lab this year will be this weekend, March 22nd- 24th, in Glasgow. The theme this year is **Survivor: 4-H**. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting.

Participants: You should have received a packet of information from the MT 4-H Center for Youth Development in regards to your specific registration details.

Club Meeting Requirements

Just a reminder that in order to exhibit at the Fair, 4-H 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.

Fruit Sales

Fruit Sale Delivery will be on March 28th at the Richland County Shop. The time is tentatively set for 8:00 a.m. We will be sending out confirmation on the time as soon as we have it from MinnTex.



Add/Drop Sheets

The club leaders received add/drop sheets at the March Leaders Meeting. **The deadline for the sheets is March 31st, however, you may bring them to the Leaders meeting April 1st.**

Feed Yard Talk

Horse Clinic

There will be a horse clinic on June 4th-5th at the Richland County Fairgrounds. The fee for the clinic is \$150. The clinic will start at 8:00 a.m. on both days and go until finished. There are registration forms available at the Extension Office. For more information call Julie Lander at 406-480-3621 or the Extension Office at 406-433-1206.

Steer of Merit Standards

Hot carcass weight: 650-950 lb

Dressing percentage: 55-68%

Ribeye area: less than or equal to 17.5 sq. inches

Back fat: 0.25 - 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

Are you interested in starting your own flock of sheep? The Montana Columbia Association is awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at 937-2775 or email her at wallywld@northerntel.net. This program is for youth ages 10-17.

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

Market Hog & Lamb Weigh-In

Spring weigh in will be held on April 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. The MQA will be at 7:00 p.m., *if members did not attend the MQA at market beef weigh in this MQA is a MUST.*

Everyone must attend an MQA training this year.

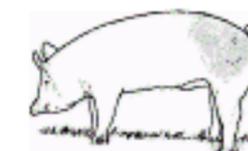
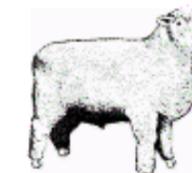
Top of Dakota

The Top of Dakota show pig and lamb sale is April 20th 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.

Hog & Sheep Sales

Dorvall Club Lambs	April 13th	Fromberg
MT Prime Pick Show Lamb	April 13th	Huntley
4 Kids Farm Kids Show Pigs	April 14th	Sidney

Please call the Extension Office if you would like any additional information on any of these sales.



SUPPER SHIFT – ADDITIONAL DUTIES

1. Clean the grill.– turn it off & then pour oil on it and use the cleaning brick to scrub off the hamburger drippings.
2. All the condiments need to be refrigerated.
3. Make sure there is a large piece of ice block in the tea & lemonade and this will keep it cold thru the night.
4. Put all the garbage out behind the building for pickup by the clean up crews.
5. Bring the water cooler in from the front counter.
6. Refrigerate all leftovers –
7. Get the coffee pots filled with water & coffee so they only need to be plugged in by the morning crew. Fill a small one with water for hot chocolate.
8. Sweep & scrub the floor.
9. Close the front window & side window.

Food Booth Duties

Set up before the Fair

Plug all fridges/freezers in early in the week prior to the food coming to make sure everything works.

In the past I have ordered the majority of the food and paper products thru Doug Hall. It comes in Friday before the fair. I pickup as much as I can store in the food booth at one time.

All paper supplies left from previous fair are in the basement storage at the Nutter Building. Need to get this picked up & taken to the booth.

Stock all the groceries and ice. I would do this on Friday & the weekend to have everything in place by Monday. It really is helpful to have at least 2 people on this day.

Need to staple new menu onto board.

Need the adding machine, money box & order tickets from office.

Tables need to be arranged.

Clean up after the fair -SUNDAY/MONDAY

I try to sell/peddle any leftover food supplies the morning after the fair. Anything that I could not "sell" I would find somewhere to donate to – like Richland Opportunities. There is always a lot of odd & end supplies that you have to toss or deal with.

The fridges & freezers need to be cleaned out asap so the 4H members can pack them back over to the building. Tables and benches need to be packed over also.

All paper products are taken back to the storage room in the basement of the Nutter Building.

Then I would just do a general cleaning of the other coolers & freezers.

Shut off stove. Make sure all windows are shut up. Drain all water from both sinks & hot water heater (make sure it is turned off before you drain)

Day Manager Duties

Wednesday:

Booth opens at 11:30 – closes at 10:00 You will need to be there by 10:00am

1. Get the lemonade & ice tea in coolers – you will need to make the lemonade with 3 cans of frozen & then add powder. Add tea & lemonade ice blocks.
2. Need to get the roasters ready. Roasters needed are:
 - a. Brisket – put on island on the sink side The brisket needs to have the extra fat sliced off and then cut down the center of the brisket to make the slicers shorter. – Start with ½ of a brisket on Wednesday. 3 ounces of Brisket is served with BBQ Sauce – keep on ice.
 - b. Chicken Patties – put roaster by window. Start with about 12 patties
 - c. Tortillas- put roaster by window Put 1 pack of tortillas wrapped in plastic & a clean cloth dish towel.
 - i. Make sure all the roasters have a rack in them. Put water in the bottom of all the roasters. Then line with double layer of aluminum foil. EXCEPTION – for the brisket use beef broth.
3. Set up the Chicken patty station – need to set out lettuce, cheese, ranch & chopped tomato in separate bowls – all placed inside an ice bowl.
4. Start the little coffee at 11:00 & the big coffee can start at 11:30.
5. Start the grill at 11:00.
 - a. On busy shifts – hamburgers WILL BE prefried & put in a pan of aujus liquid. Then they will be flipped back onto the grill before serving. This will help keep up with the orders.
6. Start hot dogs at 11:00 in a fry skillet on low with water. Start with 6 -8.
7. Water needs to go to the front.
8. Tables need to be washed & condiments, napkins ect need to be set out. This can be done by the first shift.

All food in roasters needs to be kept at 140 -150 degrees – there are food thermometers hanging there & these need to be checked every hour.

Close of day – The last club of the day has a list of things to do before closing. Need to make sure the cash box is given to the manager for the next day.

Thursday – Saturday Day Manager Duties

Breakfast is served from 7:00 to 11:00 or when you run out of breakfast ingredients.

You will need to be to the booth by about 6:00. The 4H club for the first shift needs to be there by 6:30.

1. Start the coffee – small & big pot. Start water for hot chocolate.
2. Start the gravy in the smaller roaster You will use 1 ½ - 2 cans each day.
3. Start the sausages in a roaster – do not need to line or use the rack on these as you want them to brown.
4. Start the biscuits in large roaster lined with foil on top of a rack. Put water in the bottom to “steam” the biscuits.
5. Turn the grill on – will be used for pancakes
 - a. Mix up a batch of pancake mix in the pitcher.
6. Get out both fry skillets to use for scrambled eggs. You will use one skillet to fry a batch and the other to hold them hot. This way you always have eggs ready. You can wipe out the skillet between batches.
 - a. Start with about a dozen eggs at about 6:45.
7. You will need to warm a packet of tortillas for the breakfast burrito. Also need to bring the ground sausage to 140-150 degrees and then put in a crock pot – can warm in the microwave to get it started. Set out cheese & salsa packets for the burritos.

Lunch starts at 11:00

1. 10:00 – You will need to get the brisket going. START WITH A HALF OF BRISKET. Trim off any fat & cut the slices in half as they are long & will not fit on the bun nicely. Put a rack in the roaster & line with foil. Use ^{water}beef broth as your liquid. Put roaster on island nearest the sink. Will need to keep barbecue sauce on ice.

Brisket sandwiches are made with 3-4 oz of brisket per sandwich using a hamburger bun & top it with bbq sauce.

2. Start the chicken patties – put a rack in the roaster – line with foil – water on the bottom – keeps them hot & moist. Start with 12 – add as needed. Tortillas will be kept in the plastic & then wrapped in a towel to keep them moist. They need to go into a roaster as well on low.

a. Set up the chicken wrap station – put cheese, lettuce, chopped tomatoes (you will need to chop) in separate bowls & set all of these into an ice bowl with the Ranch.

3. Set out cheese slices, pickles & sliced onions at front by grill – in bowls & then into an ice bowl.
4. Hot dogs & chili dogs – heat the hot dogs in a fry skillet with water on low. Bring the chili to hot in a roaster or microwave & then put in a crock pot. Use cheese from the chicken wrap station for the chili dogs.
4. On busy shifts – hamburgers WILL BE prefried & put in a pan of aujus liquid. Then they will be flipped back onto the grill before serving. This will help keep up with the orders.

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. April 7th 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 28th

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: _____

Community Service Grants

This year's Community Service Grants were awarded to Three Buttes and Fair View.

Three Buttes plans to use the grant to help with a variety of community service activities that include making lap blankets for Extended Care, serving brunch at Crestwood on a Saturday in June, and fixing up the Senior Center in May. Fair View plans to plant and maintain Main Street flower pots to "spruce up" the sidewalks.

Congratulations to both clubs.

2013 4-H Aerospace Event

This event is scheduled for April 28-29th at UND School of Aerospace in Grand Forks. This program is open to youth ages 12-15 who are interested in learning more about the field of aerospace science. Youth must be accompanied by a chaperone. Youth do not have to be a 4-H member to attend this event. **The registration deadline is April 9th. If you are interested please call the McKenzie County office at 701-444-3451.**

Ranch Horse Competition

Two thousand dollars in scholarships will be given away at the Neal Hermanson Memorial Ranch Horse Competition to be held on June 22nd. The Sr. Youth division is ages 14-18 and the Jr. division is 13 and under. It consists of a reining pattern and working a cow in the arena, youth division does not rope. If you are interested in competing or have questions, you can call Nikki at 701-481-2885, or you can go to the website to print out forms and mail them to her. The web address is: www.nealhermansonmemorial.com

Shooting Sports

Training- There will be a shooting sports training April 26-27th in Dillon MT and it will include all shooting sports disciplines. If you are interested in participating please call the Extension Office for more details.

MT 4-H Shooting Sports Raffle- The MT 4-H Shooting Sports program is currently conducting a raffle. The tickets are \$30.00 and there are 4 prizes. The first is a \$2,500 gift certificate toward a Shiloh Sharps Rifle. 2nd/3rd/4th prizes are a matched set of Browning A-Bolt rifles in .257 Roberts. There are only 1,000 tickets that will be sold and the drawing will be held on June 16th at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth. If you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket please contact the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports days- The next shooting sports day will be on April 6th at 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center. In May on the 18th there will be a shooting sports make up day. It will be at the Event Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

Trap Shooting

The trap shooting year will kick off late April and continue through June. Shoots will be scheduled at the first shoot which will be in the May Clover. Typically the shoots are held Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. weather permitting. If you would like more information, please contact the Extension Office.

Congratulations!

The Sr. judging team took first place at the Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock judging that took place on March 16th. Pictured here with the sponsor of the event, Russell Johnson, are the members of the team including Lane Verschoot, Christian Prevost, Rachael Oliver, and Jared Rosaaen. Jared Rosaaen was also the first place winner in the individual Sr 4-H division. Also competing in the Jr division were Jordan Baxter, Jaylen Baxter, Jenna Baxter and CJ Nevins taking 4th, 6th, 9th and 11th place respectively.

