



Important Reminders

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April 4-6
- Fruit Delivery**
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- Exec/Livestock Council**
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Jr. Leaders Dinner and Dance

The Annual Dinner and Dance is scheduled for April 11, 2014, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. with a fun dance to follow until 10:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Sidney. The meal will be served by the Jr. Leaders and will be a choice of Lasagna or Chicken Alfredo, with Chocolate Mousse for dessert. The evening promises to be a night of excitement, especially with our drawings for fabulous baskets from our great sponsors. The tickets for this event are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting any of the Jr. Leaders or the Extension Office.

Fruit Sales

Fruit Orders are due March 10th to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. The delivery of the fruit will be March 25th at the County Shop in morning, the exact time will be announced as soon as we know more. All clubs must have representatives to help sort boxes. All fruit will need to be gone from the County Shop by 5:00 p.m. The Club money is due to the Extension Office by April 7th. Only one check per club will be accepted.

Greytak Calendars

Just a reminder, we are a few months into the New Year, but just in case you are still interested in purchasing a Greytak Calendar to support the 4-H Program we do have some left at the office, stop by if you are interested in purchasing one.

Scholarships

Attention High School Seniors! All scholarships are due April 1st; this includes both the Richland County Scholarships as well as the ones from the Montana 4-H Foundation. The Richland County Scholarship Applications are on the website at <http://www.msuextension.org/Richland/4-H%20Sites/Scholarships.html> Carefully read and fill out the applications and return them to the Extension Office before April 1st. For more information on the Montana 4-H Foundation scholarships check out <http://montana4h.org/#program:30>

Remember - March 31st, is the last day to add or drop projects. Please have your add/drop sheet turned into the office by 5:00 p.m. on the 31st.

Exec. Council / Livestock Meetings

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for April 7th 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 5th

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 5th 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

The next Jr. Leaders meeting will be March 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. This will be a working meeting in preparation for the Dinner and Dance. There will be no April meeting due to the Dinner and Dance, and the May meeting has been moved to May 3rd at 10:00 a.m. at the Event Center after the cleanup of the Event Center.

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 11 shifts to be filled by 12 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.

Rec Lab

Rec Lab this year is going to be held April 4-6, 2014 in Butte, Montana. The theme this year is "Catching Fir in the 4-H Spirit." Rec Lab Registration is due March 7, 2014.

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.

Community Service Grants

Congratulations to the Brorson Farmhands and the Badlands Brushpoppers for receiving this year's Community Service Grants.

The Brorson Farmhands received \$300 to make fleece blankets for the Sunrise Women's Clinic and the Badlands Brushpoppers received \$100 to refresh the Pioneer Cemetery.

Shooting Sports

The next shooting sports day will be on April 12th at 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center. In May on the 10th, there will be a shooting sports make up day. It will be at the Event Center starting at 9:00 a.m.

4-H Camp

Save the Date!

4-H Camp this year will be June 29-July 2. It will be held at the Beacon Bible Camp Facility. The camp is located 20 miles west of Wolf Point or 4 miles North East of Frazer. Make sure to mark your summer calendars with this year's date and location.

4-H Camp Counselor Applications

If you are interested in applying to be a camp counselor the applications are due March 21, 2014. The applications are available at the Extension Office. If you would like an application, please stop by the office and pick one up. As in years past, preference will be given to members in the 12th, then 11, then 10th and then 9th grade.

Import Requirements for Swine

With the breakout of the Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea (PED) virus in the state of Montana, here are the guidelines required by the State of Montana for bringing in swine that are under 12 months of age. You will need a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI), issued by an accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to importation into Montana. The CVI must include:

- Consignor and address of origin
- Consignee and final destination address
- Accurate description and identification of each animal (see species specific requirements)
- Purpose for which they are shipped, method of transportation, identification and address of the transporter
- The health status of the animals involved, including dates and results of inspections, tests and vaccinations required by the state of Montana per species
- A signature by the issuing veterinarian who is certifying that the animals shown thereon are free from evidence of any infectious, contagious, or communicable disease or known exposure thereto.

Then, a copy of the CVI must be mailed immediately to the state veterinarian of Montana, P.O. Box 202001, Helena, Montana 59620-2001.

Along with the CVI, you will also need an Import Permit, which is a unique number issued by the Montana Department of Livestock prior to entry into Montana and after all import requirements have been met.

Permits can be obtained by calling the import line at (406) 444 - 2976. While the permit line is available to veterinarians 24 hours a day, seven days a week, not all permit types are available during non-business hours (8 AM - 4:45 PM MST, Monday - Friday). Permits are good for 10 days from date of issuance. So if you are going to a pig sale on that day, you can call the number the same day, or if you are going to a producer's farm to pick up your pig, you can call a few days ahead of time. You can visit with your local veterinarian about the process as well.

Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus

The Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus or PED was found in Montana in February 2014. PED – which poses no threat to human health, food safety or other livestock – causes diarrhea, vomiting and severe dehydration, and can have mortality rates of up to 100 percent in suckling pigs. It was first found in the U.S. less than a year ago (April 2013) but has already spread to 24 states, with more than 2,100 separate positive cases reported. It is spread by fecal-oral transmission; directly pig-to-pig and indirectly on people, boots, tires, trucks and trailers. Thus, sound biosecurity practices can dramatically reduce the potential for outbreaks. Those biosecurity measures include:

- Limiting traffic (people and equipment) onto the farm and more specifically, limit access to the swine portion of your facility.
- Thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting any thing coming onto the farm.
- Establishing designated routes and parking areas for service vehicles.
- Isolating newly arriving animals and knowing the health status of the source.
- Having dedicated clothing and footwear for animal contact areas.
- Cleaning and disinfecting any supplies, tools, tack or gear that have had prior use.

*** All Youth enrolled in the Swine project will be receiving more detailed information on this virus, the protocol and any policy changes in the mail.



4-H Horse Packing Clinic

The Gallatin Valley Back Country Horsemen are hosting a 4-H Packing Clinic Series on March 22, 2014 & April 12, 2014 at the Silver Spur Arena, Belgrade, MT from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This workshop is designed for 4-H members, parents, leaders, and agents only. Any 4-H Horse Project Member can attend regardless of level. This will be a great introduction to packing and a skill builder for more experienced 4-H'ers. Participants are encouraged to attend the entire series of two workshops and the registration fee covers both. In addition, those attending both workshops and exhibiting competency at the end of the second workshop will be eligible to participate in a Back Country Horsemen pack trip in June. Registration is due March 10th. If interested, please contact the office for the forms.

BQA

There will be a Beef Quality Assurance Training April 30th at 4:00 p.m. presented by Bill Pelton at Sidney Livestock. This BQA will count for the MQA if you are in need of that training, however, Bill will only be covering beef topics. There will be another MQA offered in the spring as well, there will be more information on this as the time gets closer.

Beef Ambassador Contest

If you are between the ages of 17 by Sept. 1st, but not over the age of 20 by Sept 1st, and feel motivated to tell your story about the Beef Industry, then you would be a great candidate to compete for the title of Montana Beef Ambassador 2014. The MSU Collegiate Cattle Women will be hosting the Montana Beef Ambassador Contest at the Trades and Industry building, Great Falls Fair Grounds, on Wednesday March 26, 2014. You will be asked to give a Consumer Presentation, and a media interview. For additional rules and regulations go to <http://nationalbeefambassador.org/> or contact laurel.anderson22@gmail.com. Your local Extension office also has the entry forms. The dead line for registration will be March 14, 2014.

Western Ranch Supply Fitting Clinics

All 4-Hers, parents and leaders have been invited to attend the two upcoming showmanship and fitting clinics Sponsored by Western Ranch Supply. These clinics are free and will provide good information for everyone from beginners to experienced livestock showman. See information below on the two different clinics:

Show Lamb and Hog Clinic

March 15 in Billings, March 16 in Great Falls

This clinic will provide hands on experience with clipping, trimming, show day fitting, showmanship, feeding and general care. Whether you are new to showing or just want a review, this is a great opportunity to learn from the best in Montana. Bring your questions and come for a day of fun and learning. Free admission and lunch! Please do not bring livestock. RSVP to secure your spot! Call or email Sara or Shayne at 252-6692 or sarae@westernranchsupply.com More Information: Day starts at 8am, ends at 5pm. One hour break for lunch.

Kirk Stierwalt Fitting Clinic for Cattle

May 17 in Billings, May 18 in Great Falls

For over 20 years Kirk Stierwalt has educated people on how to show cattle and win from the local to the national level. Come learn proven techniques and tips on daily care, clipping, clipper/blade review, show day dressing and showmanship. Whether you are new to showing cattle or just want a quick review, this is a great opportunity to learn from the best in the industry. Bring your questions and come for a day of fun and learning. No cost, please do not bring animals. RSVP to secure your spot! Call or email Sara or Shayne at 252-6692 or sarae@westernranchsupply.com More Information: Day starts at 8am, ends at 5pm, one hour break for lunch



State Award Applications

Have you mastered a 4-H project area? Are you providing leadership to younger members in this project area? Are you engaged in service to your community? Are you improving your communication skills by sharing what you do in 4-H? You are eligible for a Montana 4-H State Award! The state award is Montana's highest award, recognizing 4-H'ers for their efforts in a project area in which they have gone above and beyond their club activities. Our 4-H'ers are doing amazing things with the knowledge they have gained and the skills they have learned, in part, through many years of project work. State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress in July and are awarded a once in a life time leadership opportunity to represent Montana at National 4-H Congress in November. Applications MUST be postmarked by May 1, 2014. More information on the application process is available at: www.montana4h.org/#program:9 For more information contact Brett Schomer at bschomer@montana.edu

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

District 1 would like to invite you to attend Montana 4-H Leadership Forum – Retreat & Reconnect by the Lake, September 26-27, 2014. This will be held at the Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp, Rollins, MT. More information to come. If you are interested in presenting a workshop at Leadership Forum please contact the Extension Office. The proposals are due May 15, 2014.

Youth Serve Montana Scholarship

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship was created to promote volunteerism among high school students, to encourage young leaders to further their learning, and to provide tuition assistance for Montana students who wish to attend college in state.

Scholarship funds have been made available through support from Student Assistance Foundation and Montana Campus Compact. The scholarships are administered by the Governor's Office of Community Service. More information and the application form can be found at serve.mt.gov. Scholarship applications are due April 15th.

One hundred students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for volunteering 100 hours.

International Inbound Opportunities

Japanese Summer Inbound:

We are starting the 2014 placement season!! We need approximately 26-28 host families for Japanese kids arriving on July 20 and staying through August 18. Preferred application deadline is April 15, 2014. To apply go to <http://www.states4hexchange.org/host-families/>

High School Programs:

Host families needed for approximately 6, year-long, high school students. Students arrive in late July or mid-August and stay through the following mid-May to mid-June. Delegates are proficient in English and must attend a public high school. Preferred application deadline is April 15. To apply, go to www.montana4h.org

IFYEs:

Host families needed for IFYEs from Wales, Northern Ireland, Austria, Switzerland, Greece, Germany and Taiwan. Families host for approximately 3 weeks at a time. Delegates are 18+ years of age and have excellent English skills. Many of them are interested in a farm/ranch experience. To apply, go to www.montana4h.org

Contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 or sdavison@montana.edu for questions regarding exchanges.

Montana Shooting Sports Raffle Tickets

The Montana Shooting Sport Annual Raffle is taking place now through June 1st. The money raised from this raffle will support both the state wide program, as well as the Richland County program. The tickets are \$30/ticket and there are 5 amazing prizes. The Drawing will be held June 15th at Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT. (need not be present to win.) There are a limited number of tickets to be purchased, and once they are gone, they are gone. If you are interested please contact the Extension Office.

- 1st prize- a \$2,500.00 gift certificate toward a Shiloh Sharps Rifle
- 2nd/3rd /4th prizes- A matched set of Browning A-Bolt Rifles in .257 Roberts
- 5th prize- Browning Silver Sporting Micro 12 Gauge

Congress 2014

Save the date, Montana 4-H Congress is set for July 8th-11th in Bozeman, Montana. Registration will be available in April and is due June 15th. There will be a mandatory meeting for all youth attending Congress as well as their parents. This meeting will be to go over the paperwork and travel plans. Other than the mandatory meeting for youth and parents, Richland County 4-H has these requirements for attending Congress, please read over them carefully and call the office if you have any questions:

- Member must be 14 years old as of October 1st of the current club year.
- Members must attend 50% of club meetings during the year.
- All blue ribbon winners in qualifying events are eligible to attend, except those where specific quotas limit participation (i.e., Fashion Revue).
- There will be only one "at-large" delegate who may attend State Congress in a non-competitive event. Applications for this position must be made by May 15th each year. Eligible members must compete in at least two contests for at least two years and not qualify and have not ever attended.
- Any member attending State 4-H Congress will be expected to report back to the 4-H Council and present a workshop or help in a county activity at the County level.
- Any costs over the amount budgeted by the 4-H Council will be pro-rated equally among members and leaders attending.
- A completed record book is required to go to State Congress.
- All eligible Richland County Ambassadors may attend State Congress in an ambassador position. They may also go in a competitive event if they so choose. If they choose to go only as an ambassador, they must compete in at least one competitive county-wide event in addition to the above guidelines. If attending congress as the Ambassador, they will be required to attend Pre Congress during their second year of being an Ambassador.
- County meetings at State Congress are mandatory. All rules and regulations will be adhered to, or participants will lose their eligibility for the next year.
- 4-H'ers attending State Congress are expected to represent Richland County to the best of their ability.

The following briefly describes the competitive events that are available at State 4-H Congress. Please read them carefully.

Livestock Judging – You must be a member of the county team. A team of four may compete.

Demonstration - You must have received a blue ribbon at the County Speech and Demo Day. We may take any number of competitors.

Public Speaking - You must have received a blue ribbon at the County Speech and Demo Day. We may take any number of competitors.

Fashion Revue - You must have received a blue ribbon at the County Fashion Revue. We may take more than one participant.

Horse Judging - We may take a team of four.

Stir-Ups Contest - This is a fun, challenging food program where members plan a meal, prepare a low-fat main dish, display the meal and create a notebook. One person may attend per county. If you are interested in this program, contact the Extension Office.

Gavel Games - This is a Parliamentary Procedure Contest. Teams of four compete. If you are interested in this program, contact the Extension Office.

Quilting - Quilts judged at the Fashion Revue and Quilt Contest are eligible to attend Congress.

Horse Skill-a-Thon - A team of four can compete in this contest about horse knowledge.

Questions? Call the Extension Office at 433-1206

Feed Yard Talk

Horse Judging Team

We are looking to re-vamp the horse judging team here in Richland County. We have a leader who has stepped up and is willing to work with any Sr. 4-H members who are interested in being on the team. If you are interested please contact the office to let us know.

Spring Weigh In

Due to the PED Virus, there will be NO MARKET HOG WEIGH IN this year. The Club leaders were given form in place of weigh in at the March Leaders meeting. Please fill out the form completely and turn it into the office by 5:00 p.m. on April 24th. The form must include a picture of the hog with the ear tag clearly visible. If your family plans to have extras, please fill out the form as the family extra, but this form also must include a picture. Tags will be available at the office for pick up. If you have any questions on completing the form please call the office. Market Sheep and Goats will be weighed in on April 24th at the Fairgrounds from 5 to 7 p.m. Once again, tags can be picked up at the office prior to weigh in to make the process easier on everyone.

Fair Changes

- Animal Check in will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday of Fair.
- This time will be divided into club times, more information on that to come.
- Steers will be weighed at that time, right off the trailer.
- Hog, Lamb and Goat weigh in time will stay the same.
- Steers will still be ultra-sounded, however the location of the ultra-sounding will be moving, to speed up the weigh in process.
- Hogs and Lambs will also be ultra-sounded this year.

Form of Intent for Livestock

The Leaders received forms at the March Leaders meeting for all youth who are enrolled in livestock projects. (Beef, Dairy, Goats, Horse, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, Swine) These forms need to be filled out and returned to the office by March 31st, along with your add/drop sheets. These forms are to help in the planning of animal numbers at fair and the numbers of stalls, pens and cages that we will need for fair, due to possibility of limited barn space.

Top of Dakota

The Top of Dakota show pig and lamb sale is April 19th 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.

Casper College Lamb and Pig Sale

The date of this sale is April 12, 2014, and will be held at the Grace Werner Agriculture Pavilion at Casper College. The Sale will begin at 1:30 p.m. with the viewing of the animals beginning at 10:30 a.m. They will be offering 30-35 lambs and 60-70 pigs. For more information contact Heath Hornecker at hhornecker@caspercollege.edu or Jeremy Burkett at jburkett@caspercollege.edu

Habet's Annual Show Pig Sale

March 29, 2014, in Shelby Montana, there will be 30-40 powerful show pigs available for sale. These pigs were born in December, January and February and therefore will provide a large variety of size. The location of the sale will be the Marias Fair Grounds in the Open Beef Barn. The viewing will begin at 10:00 a.m. followed by a free lunch at 11:00 a.m. and a silent auction at noon. For more information contact Melissa Habet at 406-278-9154 or 406-289-0054.