



Important Reminders

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- Fruit Delivery**
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Jr. Leaders Dinner and Dance

The Annual Dinner and Dance is scheduled for April 17, 2015, 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 Roast Beef or Chicken and Rice, 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

The delivery of the fruit will be March 24th at the County Shop in the morning, the exact time will be announced as soon as we know more. All clubs must have representatives to help sort boxes. No fruit will be loaded until all fruit is counted and sorted. 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 3rd. 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 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!

Leader's Meeting May 4th

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on Monday, May 4th 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 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. This will be a working meeting in preparation for the Dinner and Dance. Please plan on attending. Also, we will continue to talk about our ongoing community service projects and maybe add a new one!

Food Booth Schedule

Food Booth Sign up will be held after the May Leaders meeting on May 4th. We will be signing up as clubs after the regular meeting. ***Each club is required to have one representative that will sign their club up for a spot.***

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 Livingston Montana March 27-29th. The theme this year is 4-H Bonanza: Striking it Rich In 4-H. The registration is due to the office by March 11th. No late registration will be accepted.

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.

Record Book Help Time

Reminder, Record Book help time will be from 3-5 p.m. at the Extension Office. This is not mandatory, but will be a great way to stay up to date on the record books.

Record Book Help Time Dates: March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19.

Shooting Sports

The next shooting sports day will be on March 14th at 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center. The April date is April 11th and the May make up date is May 9th.

4-H Camp

Save the Date!

4-H Camp this year will be June 30-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.

Shooting Sports Camp

4-H Shooting Sports Camp will be May 15-17th in Ferndale, Montana located at the Loon Lake 4-H Camp. Shooting Sports Camp will include: Air Rifle, Archery, Shotgun, Fishing, Boating and Crafts. Registration will be due May 1st. Please contact the office if you are interested in attending for the registration packet.

Import Requirements for Swine

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- 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.

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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.
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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

Save the Date

The University of Idaho Block and Bridle Club will be hosting a Spring Fitting and Showing Clinic on April 11th at the University of Idaho Livestock Pavilion. For more information email the club at ui.block.bridle@gmail.com

State Horse Show

Cascade County will be hosting the 2015 and 2016 Montana State Horse Show at the King's Arena in Great Falls, Montana. The dates for the events will be September 25-27, 2015 and September 16-18, 2016. Event information can be found on the Montana State 4-H Horse Show's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/montanastate4hhorseshow?ref=hl> or by calling the Cascade County Extension office at 406-454-6980.

Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training

The Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training will be held May 7-9th in Spanish Forks, Utah. This training is designed to help improve a judges or judgers:

- Livestock selection
- Livestock evaluation skills
- Current terminology
- Oral reason skills
- Proficiency in the show ring
- Positive youth interaction
- Audience communication.

This year's presenters will be Clint Rusk, Travis Hoffman and Sarah Baker. This training has both a youth and adult track and will be a worthwhile training for all who attend. The fee for attending the training is \$150 per adult and \$100 per youth. This fee includes 4 meals and 4 breaks. The registration is due by April 27, 2015 and is limited to the first 75 participants. If you are interested please contact the office for the registration packet.

Dairy Project

Richland County has been very lucky to have producers who want to help youth get started in a project. This year we have someone who has come forward and would like to donate a dairy calf to an interested youth for use in next years project. If you are interested in starting the dairy project please let the office know as soon as possible.

Save the Date

Dr. Temple Grandin and Curt Pate will be putting on a Low Stress Livestock Handling Seminar for 4-H youth on June 2nd in Miles City Montana. This is a great opportunity for all youth. There will be more information on this event as the date gets closer. They will also be putting on Producer workshops on the same topic in Miles City on June 2nd and in Baker on June 3rd.

Speech and Demonstration Day

The date for this event had to be moved, due to lack of judges. The new date for the event is April 19th. The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Sidney High School. Participants will need to arrive at the High School 15 minutes before the event starts. Registration will be due April 6, 2015 by 5:00 p.m., NO LATE REGISTRATIONS will be accepted. There is a copy of the registration form in this Clover Chatter. If you need more forms you can make a copy or contact the office.

**Remember Speech and Demonstration Day counts as a county event. If Junior members attend a county event and meet all other requirements they are eligible for the Jr. Trip in the summer. Senior members who compete and receive a blue will then travel to State Congress in July where they will represent Richland County.

Week of Service

The Montana 4-H Ambassador Team is challenging all 4-H members to participate in the first annual Montana 4-H Week of Service. This is an initiative to encourage 4-H youth to make a positive impact within their communities. So... plan a project and implement it during the week of April 12-19th. Then report the difference you made at www.mt4hservice.org. One Week, One Community, One Big Difference.

Community Service Grants

Congratulations to the Richland Aces, Three Buttes and Brorson Farmhands Clubs for applying for and receiving this year's Community Service Grants. The Richland Aces Club will be making blankets for the Matthew House and Pregnancy Center. The Three Buttes Club will be using their grant to create Hospital Toy Bags and serve a Brunch at Crestwood. The Brorson Farmhands will be making a podium for the livestock sale at the fair. Once again, congratulations to all.

Host Families Needed

Host families needed for 28 Japanese youth and 2 adult chaperones. Application deadline is May 1, 2015. To apply, go to <http://www.states4h-exchange.org/host-families/> or contact Stephanie Davison at 994-3502 with more questions. Hosting dates are July 24-August 18. Families should have a child at home who is within two years of age as the person they host (see attached list). Kids have learned English in school, but are not fluent. This is a great opportunity for an in-depth cultural experience.

Host families needed for 5-6 AYP (academic year program) students from Japan, Korea or Eurasian (FLEX) countries. Delegates arrive sometime in August and stay through the following late May or mid-June. All types of families are welcome to apply to host. Home school families may host, but the international student must attend a public school. Students come with their own spending money and health insurance.

Host families needed to host MI4-HYEs (formerly IFYEs) for up to three weeks from July 10. Delegates are young adults from primarily European countries and hope to be placed on a farm or ranch. If you are interested in hosting please contact Stephanie Davison at 406-994-3502.

Montana Shooting Sports Raffle Tickets

Richland County 4-H has 15 Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Raffle Tickets. Part of the proceeds will come back to the support the Richland County Shooting Sports program. The raffle tickets are \$20 or you can get 6 for \$100. There are only 1,200 tickets being sold in the state. There are 5 different prizes:

1. A \$2,500.00 Gift Certificate toward a Shiloh Sharps Rifle
2. Winchester Model 70 .280 Remington
3. Winchester Model 70 .280 Remington
4. Winchester Model 70 .280 Remington
5. Semi-Automatic 12 Gauge SKB RS300

Please contact the office to purchase one.

Congress 2015

Save the date, Montana 4-H Congress is set for July 7th-10th in Bozeman, Montana. Registration will be available soon and will be due June 15th. The theme this year is the Amazing Race. 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

Shearing

If any member needs their sheep sheared, Wade VanEvery will be having a shearing day on March 22nd. He will have Mike Schuldt here from Miles City to do the shearing. Please contact Wade at 406-489-1423 if you are interested.

Spring Weigh In

Due to the PED Virus, there will be NO MARKET HOG WEIGH IN again this year. The Club leaders were given forms 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 23rd. 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 23rd at the Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m.. Once again, tags can be picked up at the office prior to weigh in to make the process easier on everyone.

Spring MQA

The Spring MQA will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds following the sheep and goat weigh in. MQA is a requirement of all 4-H members taking livestock to the fair. MQA must be taken as a first year member and every other year following. If you need the MQA training this year, the Spring MQA will be your last opportunity to attend a training. If you miss MQA this year, you will be unable to show and sell any livestock at the Richland County Fair and Rodeo.

Deaton Show Pigs

The 3rd Annual Deaton Show Pigs Auction will take place March 22nd at the Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds in Helena, Montana. The Viewing will begin at 10 a.m. and the sale will start at noon. Check them out on Facebook or call 406-461-9317 for more information.

Dietz Otis Show Pigs

Dietz Otis Show Pigs will be holding their sale on March 21st at 1316 East River Road in Pray, Montana. Their will be a preview and lunch at 12:00 p.m. and sale will begin at 1:00 p.m.. For more information call Russell Dietz at 406-671-5354 or Jason Otis at 406-223-4518.

Habet's Show Pigs

Habet's Annual Show Pig Sale will be March 28th in Shelby, Montana at the Marias Fairgrounds. For more information contact Melissa Habet at 406-278-9154 or 406-289-0054.

Hays Show Lambs

Hays Show Lambs will be having their sale on April 11th at 10:00 a.m. in Worden, Montana. For more information contact Trish and Wendell Hays at 406-671-7493 or check out their website haysshowlamb.com

Dorvall Club Lambs

Dorvall Club Lambs will be having their 7th annual Silent Auction on April 4th in Fromberg, Montana. Viewing will begin at 11:00 a.m., for more information call 406-668-7701 or 406-425-3027.