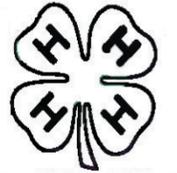


Clover Chatter



Important Reminders

Mini Congress

June 6th, 8:00 a.m.
Assembly of God Event Center
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Exec./Livestock Mtg.

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Leader's Meeting

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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

This year has been quickly passing us by. Speech and Demonstration Days were a great success with many new faces! There are some great activities planned including, glider workshops, MQA training, cake decorating classes, and a dairy workshop. If you have an idea for a workshop, give me a call and we will get it planned. If you enjoyed a workshop, next time invite a friend and show them why you make 4-H your choice!

Wade Whiteman
Richland County Agent

Mini Congress - A New Adventure

The second annual Richland County Mini Congress is scheduled for June 6th at Assembly of God Church. The day will be filled with competitions and a leadership workshop. In the evening there will be a dress review during the banquet, followed by a dance. Registration is due by May 26th, and is open to all members age 11-13. Lets find out what we have to offer..register today!

Leaders College Level 1

In conjunction with Mini Congress there will be a Level 1 Leaders College. Cody Stone, Volunteer and Leadership Development Specialist, and I will be teaching the class. Topics included will be Youth Development, Basic Youth Needs, and stages of Development. This will be a great opportunity for leaders that are new to 4-H and want to learn more. Please join us!

Fair Book

The 2006 4-H Fair Books will be ready May 15th. We suggest that Club Leaders pick up books and entry forms for their clubs. Only one book per family, and please DO NOT sign up for more than you think you can handle. Too much time and effort goes into making tags and judging sheets for the projects that are not completed. We ask you finish as many projects as you possibly can to put on a great display at the 4-H building.

Richland County Extension Office
123 West Main Street
Sidney, MT 59270



28th Annual Fruit Sale

Congratulations on another successful fruit sale! Our annual fruit sale sold 31,000 pounds of product! All-in-all it was a great sale!! The “mystery people” were Kelly Bergstedt of Savage, Gene Fischer of Lambert, Steve Finsaas of Fairview, Larry Garman of Sidney, and Rick Tuttle of Sidney.

Another big thank you to all who did their part in making this year’s sale another success. The top selling clubs were Richland Rockets, Valley View, Charley Creek.

Below is the list of top five individuals and family sellers:

Individual		Families	
1 st	Michael Miller	1 st	Ries
2 nd	Shanae Prevost	2 nd	Handy
3 rd	Alan Neuleib	3 rd	Staffanson
4 th	Josh Bengochea	4 th	Ler
5 th	Kolton Wagner	5 th	Lander

Sign up Now!

Our 4-H Food Booth and Exhibit building work schedule will be available for sign up June 1st-15th. The Exhibit building will be by club as it has been every year. The Food Booth, will be run the same as last year. Every family needs to sign up for a shift rather than by club. We will have a sign up sheet in the office for families to pick a time to work. This change was made to give clubs flexibility in scheduling around events. Every club needs to have someone sign up as a Supervisor.

If you are not signed up by the deadline, you will be appointed a shift!! There will be no excuses. The food booth has become profitable in the past and will with good management and leadership. (you need to stop in, call or fax, no reservations on time slots. Please do not work a shift as a club.

members will receive the premium for that box.

Graduates Scholarships

The scholarship application deadline is September 1st. Please make sure you turn your application into the office if you are interested.

Tri County Sewing Camp

Camp this year will be a one day camp from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7. You will need to bring your sewing kit, sewing machine, (if available & in good working order), your walking foot (if you have one), and your blocks already cut out. We will be making a Denim Rag Quilt! For the Community Service project, they are asking you to bring one or two items for the food bank. Registration due 5:00 p.m. May 26 to the Sheridan County Extension Office. Registration Fees are \$10 for members and \$5 for adults. There is a limit of 35 participants so sign up soon!

Are You Eligible?

As a result of county-wide competitions over the past months, the following Sr. Members have qualified to attend State Congress at this time.

Livestock- Kayleen Searer, Jarvis Klempel, Cole Johnson, Luke Casterline
 Speech- Abby Carda, Amy Redman, Katelyn Koch
 Demonstrations- Mykel Ler, Sara McMillen, Nathan Mcmillen

Dress Review-

*If your eligible and cannot or do not wish to go, call the Extension Office and let us know ahead of time.

Junior Trip

Junior Trip is just around the corner! If you would be interested in helping in the planning of the trip, please call the Extension Office. The trip is tentatively planned for August 18-19 and will be an over night trip to Fort Peck if there is enough help.

At Large Applications

Senior members who would like to attend State 4-H Congress as an “at large” delegate should have applications into the Extension Office by June 1st. This should be in the form of a simple essay as to why you would like to attend and what benefits you expect from the experience.

Our Council allows one at-large delegate each year, and guidelines for the selection process are on file.

Leader’s Meeting July 3rd

Our next scheduled Leaders Meeting will be on July 3rd beginning at 7:30 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!

**Executive Council and Livestock Committee
 Will hold their meeting on June 5th at the
 Richland County Extension Office**

Barnyard Talk

MQA

The final MQA training will be held on May 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library basement. These trainings have been led by both leaders and members and are a good educational class for all who attend. This is a must class for anyone in a market project and is required to go through every two years. We will need help from leaders who are trained for MQA.

Livestock Showmanship

Kayleen Searer will be organizing a livestock showmanship clinic for members who have shown livestock for less than three years. Beef, swine, and sheep showing techniques will be covered along with basic grooming. The class is scheduled for June 29th at 5:00 p.m. and tentatively planned at the fairgrounds. If you have any questions please call Kayleen or the Extension Office.

Dairy Workshop

Greenway Dairy will be hosting a dairy showmanship workshop for all members interested on May 31st from 10:00-2:00p.m. The Oliver family has many years of experience with dairy in 4-H and will be sharing grooming and showing tips with the group. If you would like to attend, call the Extension Office. Some tools you will need include: brushes, electric clippers, suitable shoest clothing and an interest in dairy!

Safety First!

The Livestock Committee Members have voted and passed overwhelmingly a rule that will allow **only** members 12 years (4-H age) and older to show market steers. This rule was designed for the safety of 4-H members and will take affect next year.

Arena Chat

Tack Training

There will be a clinic on tack fitting and grooming on Wednesday, May 24th, at 5:30 p.m. at the Saddle Club, be sure to bring your own tack. There will be a Horse judging the following day, Thursday, May 25th at 5:30 p.m. at the Saddle Club. If you have any questions please contact Waynette Molloy at 482-5982



The ITV training, put on by the State Horse Committee, will be available at this time on VHS or DVD.

Advance your Horse Skills with Bette Wold!

Join fellow 4-H members for a chance to advance in horse skills on June 3rd - 4th at Culbertson’s Fairgrounds. Activities will include a trail ride, BBQ, overnight camp out (with chaperone). Register by May 26th! For more information or to register call Phyllis Sethre at 392-5353 or Kristi Lepper at 525-3524

Ambassador Applications Due

Due date for prospective ambassador applications is quickly drawing close for all members. The ambassador program is a grass roots program that promotes 4-H on the local level and through out the state. To take full advantage of the program members that are currently freshman and sophomores need to apply. There are local funds to help with getting perspective ambassadors to leadership training. If you are interested please contact Wade or Carolyn Koch.

Junior Leaders Meeting

Our next meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Footers. Supper is on you own, please plan on attending to finalize plans for Mini Congress.

School Project Exhibits

Just a reminder that members are allowed to exhibit projects at the Fair that they have completed at school, provided that it is entered in the appropriate 4-H division. This is allowed because a number of 4-H projects correlate closely with those done at school and members do the work.

State Congress Already?

The State Congress meeting is set for June 12th. All delegates and parents or gaurdians are required to attend to qualify for State Congress in Bozeman July 12th-15th will meet at 5:15 p.m. at the Extension Office. Registration forms will be given out at this meeting and will need to be filled out and returned at that time. If you are going to State Congress you and your parents NEED to attend this meeting, or meet with Wade before that date.

If you have a talent you would like to show off, there is a Talent Show you can enter. All you need to do is submit an audio tape to the State 4-H Office by June 1st. For more details on this event please contact the Extension Office.

Cake Decorating

There will be a Cake Decorating class for interested 4-H members on June 13th from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Library basement. To reserve your spot, call Denice Ler at 488-5504

Calendar of Events

- Glider Workshop May 4 & 11 3:30 p.m.
- Fair Book May 15
- Ambassador Apps. Due May 15
- MQA May 15
- Dairy Workshop May 31
- Fashion Revue May 31
- Food Booth Sign-up June 1
- Exec. Livestock Meeting June 5
- Mini Congress June 6
- Tri-County Sewing Camp June 7
- State Congress Meeting June 12 5:15 p.m.
- Showmanship Workshop June 29 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Leaders Meeting July 3



State Congress Community Service Project

This year the 4-H community will be asked to collect pledges for a Make-A-Wish Foundation Walk-A-Thon. The foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength, and joy. We will use our strength of heart and strength of health to help the Northwest Make-A-Wish Foundation full fill wishes for children living in Montana.

The process for the Make-A-Wish Foundation is simple. A child is nominated for a wish, if chosen the child makes a wish, and the Make-A-Wish staff and volunteers make it happen! The cost of a wish varies, however can be up to \$10,000. Over 216 wishes have been granted in Montana alone, with more and more referrals each day!

This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers to talk to their community about the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the important work that they do and how 4-H is helping to make wishes come true in Montana.

Fashion Revue is Here Again!

The annual Richland County Fashion Revue is scheduled for May 31st at the Moose Lodge in Sidney. The contestants will have their garments judged at either 2:00 or 3:00 p.m. depending on the number of participants. The committee will contact participants to let them know the correct time.

The public program will take place at 5:30 p.m. All clothing project members will be sent registration forms that will need to be returned to the office by May 24th. Little Buds are able to participate and earn participation ribbons.

2005 Richland County Quilt Contest

The quilt contest is an educational component of the 4-H Clothing and Textiles program. The contest will be held on May 31st as a part of the Fashion Review Contest. Contestants can compete for a trip to State Congress by completing the qualifications listed below.

Contestants will be required to present their quilt through a 1-3 minute talk to the judges. Judges will also interview the contestant about the work that they have done on the quilt.

- ✿ Any size quilt will be accepted. Wall hangings and quilted garments will also be accepted.
- ✿ Quilts may be hand or machine quilted, or tied.
- ✿ All work must be completed by the 4-H member. Professionally machine quilted item will not be accepted.
- ✿ Participants should bring their fabric swatches and a picture of themselves and their quilt.
- ✿ Contestants do not need to be enrolled in the quilting project to participate, although it is encouraged.

Sign up is due Wednesday, May 24th at the Extension Office.

NAME _____ AGE _____

CLUB _____ YEAR IN 4-H CLOTHING _____

UNIT OF CLOTHING _____

The following information will be used in the script read during the evening revue. Please help by including as much information as you can consercing your garment. You may write your own script and enclose it with this sheet if you wish.

DESCRIBE YOUR GARMENT: *include special features.*
 NOTE: Your pattern has a description that you may refer to for help.

TYPE OF FABRIC AND COLOR: *Please indicate a swatch of fabric 4"x4"*

ACCESSORIES: *Belt, Purse, Jewelry, Shoes, Back Pack, etc.*

WHERE GARMENT WILL BE WORN: *School, Church, Dances, Travel, etc.*

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES AND HOBBIES:

NOTE: record books will be required in senior division. They must be up to date and submitted when you come for construction judging. Failure to submit a record book will deduct 25 points from the possible score.

Also available on the web on the Forms Page!!!