

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension
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Clover Chatter



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Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year on November 10th from 9-12 p.m. This year looks to be a great year for the shooting sports program! Preregistration will be by the Wednesday prior to the shoot.

As like last year we will be including an educational time prior to the shoot. Jr. Leaders will be needed to help teach these classes. If interested, please give Wade a call.

Dates for Shooting Sports:

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| November 10 |  | December 8 |
| January 19 |  | February 9 |
| March 8 |  | April 12 |

Beef Stick Sale

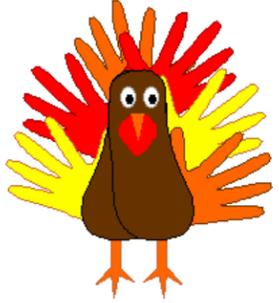
The 2007 Beef Stick sale is now on the way. The sale will go until November 19th, at which time each family will need to report to their organizational leader with the total. Orders are then due to the Extension Office on November 19th by noon. The leaders will need to turn in the totals for each family to help with stick pick-up on December 1st. We do need a couple of helpers for the delivery at 7 a.m. There is literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted. Beef Sticks can be picked up from 10-12 a.m. at Wade & Hannah's House located at 622 2nd St SE. Please go to the garage on 7th Ave.

Money is due to the office by December 14th. Each club must turn in one check, no individual checks will be accepted. As with the fruit sale, all Extra boxes will be purchased when you request them.

★ Congratulations to Katelyn Dynneson for being selected as our District Ambassador President! This is quite an honor and Katelyn will do a great job. Congratulations! ★

4-H Project Material

Soon we will be in the process of filling club material requests. We are waiting until we have all enrollments in to order the material. This will put a stop to the year long traffic of looking for a manuals. If you did not circle the literature needed, you will not get that material. Once it is handed out, members are expected to keep track of their book. Material will be ordered at the expense of the individual after that time. We are still waiting on clubs to turn in their enrollments, Enrollments were due November 1st.



Craft Day

Just as a reminder that our annual 4-H Craft Day is scheduled for Saturday November 10 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Rau School. A wide variety of craft ideas will be available for those who attend. Pre-registration is required by November 7th at the Extension Office. This is a great chance for new members to come and meet people and get involved.

Library Basement

All 4-H Clubs that intend on using the Library Basement for their meetings must call in to the office and reserve the basement for their meeting times. We have been encountering double bookings due to clubs not reserving the basement. The party that has it reserved has the right to ask the other party to leave.

Valley View Wranglers Challenge

The Valley View Wranglers 4-H Club would like to challenge other 4-H clubs in a food drive. Clubs will need to collect food for one month to be delivered on December 17th to the food bank in Sidney. VVW 4-H club will award a prize to the club who delivers the most food. For more information call Pat Wick.

Sew Much Fun Workshops

The new year will bring a series of sewing workshops that will begin in January. We usually meet the same day as shooting sports, the second Saturday of the month - in the afternoon. The classes are geared for the beginner/intermediate sew-er, but all are welcome. There will be more information to follow in the January Clover Chatter.

Sewing Patterns Available

Leslie will be placing a second order for Sewing Patterns on December first. Please contact the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen if you're interested in purchasing some patterns.

Ceramics Program

Linda Ries is wanting to start the ceramics program again and hold classes. If anyone is interested contact Linda at 798-3646.

Community Service Grants

Several years ago our 4-H Council established Community Service Grants for use by clubs in Richland County. Two \$100 grants and one \$300 grant is available via application process. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due back at the office by February 1st. Selections will be made at the February 4th Executive Council Meeting. This is a great way for clubs to get appropriate funding to do something or some type of project to give back to the community. There have been some great projects in the past years and we look forward to seeing what great things the clubs are planning for the upcoming year. *All clubs are encouraged to apply!*

4-H Junior Leaders Meeting

The next meeting of the Junior Leaders will be November 11, at 2:00 pm at the Library basement. We are planning a food drive on that day from 2:00 – 3:00 pm and a short meeting will follow. Mark your calendars for a fun afternoon of community service.

Junior Leaders will meet on the second Sunday of the month at the Library basement at 5:30pm. All members 13 and older are invited to attend Junior Leader meetings. Contact Wade Whiteman or Leslie McMillen if you have questions.

Teen Leadership Video Project

For my Teen Leadership project I am going to make a video/documentary of the Richland County 4-H year to be viewed at Achievement Day next November. I would like to include all activities that take place on a county and club level. If you are having any special workshops, guest speakers, or activities at your meetings, please let me know in advance so that I can be there to film. If you have any ideas or items that would be interesting to include in this please let me know. You can contact me at 480-3007 or email me at kayleen_n_s_10@hotmail.com.
-Kayleen Searer

Robotics Meeting

If you are interested in the Robotics program Brian Redman is holding a meeting/lesson on November 17th. Time is still to be announced. Call the Extension Office to sign up.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H Leadership Program for high school youth, ages 15-19, from across the country. As a participant you will look behind the scenes in our nations capitol, listen to motivational speakers and attend workshops and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The trip dates are June 10-16 and the estimated cost is \$1500-1700. There is a scholarship available for one delegate through the state (apply for the Susan K Dufner award). All applications and full registration fees are due January 31st to the Extension Office.

**Executive Council and Livestock Committee
Will hold their meeting on December 3rd at the
Richland County Extension Office
beginning at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

The 2007-2008 beef project will start off Friday, December 29th with weigh in at Sidney Market Livestock Center from 9:00-12:00 a.m. **All Steers must be weighed at this facility**

You may pick up your tags early to save time on weigh day. Each animal **MUST** have a bill of sale at weigh in unless the brand is registered under the 4-H members name. If the animal is owned by a parent, there will be Bills of Sales available to be filled out.

To be able to weigh in animals, members must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project and have their enrollment forms turned in.

Livestock Judging Clinic

A livestock clinic is planned for December 30th. The clinic will start at 1:00p.m. and will include live judging of beef, swine and sheep. This is a great opportunity for younger members to pick up some judging pointers prior to the Ag Days contest. Some of our recent 4-H graduates will be on hand to conduct the clinic.

Judging clinics will start December 13th and continue on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Contact Randy Searer for more information.

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

The Annual Leaders Dinner Meeting will be held Monday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Basement. Please RSVP by January 4th. We cordially invite all leaders to come and see what the council is all about and get involved.

I would like to extend my sincere apologies to Wade and Becky for my comments made at the awards ceremony on Achievement day. The Horse Scholarship won by Lacie Whitford was not overlooked, but was an oversight on my part. I assumed they would know to put it in the program, but as we do not give this scholarship every year they did not know. Wade and Becky do an excellent job for 4-H and I truly appreciate their hard work and all their extra effort they put into their jobs.
As always, open mouth insert foot,
-Waynette Molloy

Ag Days Livestock Judging

This is an early reminder that the Ag Days Livestock Judging will take place January 12th. This contest will determine the makeup of several teams that will represent Richland County in other judging events during the year.

NILE Judging Results

This years contest consisted of over 117 judging teams from the area.

The Senior Team was led by Kayleen Searer with an 8th Individual place overall. Other team members included Erin Oliver, Levi Helmuth and Joyce Wick who all had a great showing. In addition the team placed 9th in beef classes and 8th in sheep classes.

The Junior Team was led by Wyatt Handy with a 4th Individual place overall. Other team members included Hanna Jepsen and Rachel Oliver. In addition the team placed 4th in sheep and hog classes, 9th in reasons, and 6th overall.

Congratulations go to all members participating and also to their judging coach, Randy Searer.

2007-2008 Richland County 4-H Calendar

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| November 1 Ambassador Plans of Action Due 4 Achievement Day 1:00 5 Leaders Meeting 7:00 5-19 Christmas Beef Sticks Sale 10 4-H Craft Day 1:00-3:00 11 Shooting Sports 9:00-12:00 24-29 4-H National Congress | May 1 State 4-H Scholarship & Award Apps. Due 1 Ambassador Roster Due 1 Annual County Ambassador Fee Due 5 Leades Meeting 7:00 6 Foundation Scholarship App Due TBA Quilt & Fashion Revue |
| December 1 Greytak Calendar Sale 1 Beef Stick Pick-up 10:00-12:00 3 Exec. Council/Livestock Meeting 8 Shooting Sports 14 Beef Stick Money Due 25 Office Closed 29 Beef Weigh-in 29 Livestock Judging Clinic 1:00-3:00 | June 1 Pre-Congress Weekend App. Due 1 Congress Talent Review App. Due 2 Exec. Council/Livestock Meeting 10,11,12 Camp, Fort Peck (Pines youth Camp) 10-16 Citizenship Washington Focus 9 State Congress Registration Due 15 State Ambass. Officer App. Due |
| January 1 Office Closed 7 Leaders Meeting 6:00 11-12 Ag Days 19 Shooting Sports 9:00-12:00 | July 4 Office Closed 5-7 Pre-Congress Weekend 7 Leaders Meeting 8-11 State Congress 16 Fair Entries Due 29 Fair Entry Day 30-31 Richland County Fair |
| February 1 People Partner Grants Due 1 Community Service Grant Due 4 Exec. Council/Livestock Meeting 9 Shooting Sports 9:00-12:00 9 Citizenship Washington App. Due 9 Susan Kay Dufner Scholarship Due | August 1,2 Richland County Fair 4 Hog/Lamb Show 11 Beef Show 15 Richland Co./Whiteman Scholarship Due TBA Jr. Trip |
| March 3 Leaders Meeting 7:00 3-17 Fruit Sale 8 Shooting Sports 9:00-12:00 24 Speech Day 30 Project Add/Drop deadline | September 1 Office Closed 2 Leaders Meeting |
| April 7 Exec. Council/Livestock Meeting 12 Shooting Sports 9:00-12:00 14-20 National Volunteer Week 20 District 4 Livestock Judging-Sidney 21 Demonstration Day 24 Hog and Sheep Weigh-in 26 Camp Retreat 6 pm, Culbertson | October 1 Record Books Due 6 Exec. Council/Livestock Meeting 9 Record Book Judging 5-11 National 4-H Week TBA Ambassador Fall Training |

Achievement Day



Sara McMullen presenting Nancy Van-Hook with her Friends of 4-H award



Members of Brorson Farmhands Club with their Club of the Year award

NILE Judging



Jr. Team members: Hanna Jepsen, Rachael Oliver, Wyatt Handy



Sr. Team members: Levi Helmuth, Joyce Wick, Kayleen Searer, Erin Oliver

Miscellaneous



2007-2008 Executive Council Dale Vitt, Penni Lewis, Kathy Helmuth, Pat Wick, Marty Prevost, Lisa Gorder, Lauri Handy



Kayleen Searer, Carl Redman, and Amy Redman at the Legislative Breakfast with Don Steinbeisser



Sara McMullen with her State Award



4-Hers at State Congress