

Clover Chatter



Nile Results



The Richland County 4-H livestock judging team competed at the NILE in Billings in October. Wyatt Handy, Levi Helmuth, Erin Oliver and Joyce Wick competed on the senior 4-H team. Oliver placed sixth overall. Helmuth placed first individually in reasons. The team placed first in reasons and was seventh overall. Rachael Oliver and Jared Rosaaen competed in the junior 4-H division. Oliver placed 16th overall. Contestants judged six classes of beef, three classes of sheep, three classes of swine and gave three sets of reasons.

Beef Stick Sale

The 2009 Beef Stick sale is now under way. The sale will go until November 16th, 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 16th by 5:00 p.m.. The leaders will need to turn in the totals for **each family or individual**. We do need a couple of helpers for the delivery at 7 a.m. on December 5th. There are literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted. Beef Sticks can be picked up from 8-10 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.

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.

Check out all the happenings on www.richland.org/extension/4h.htm

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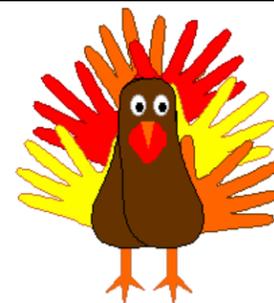
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Richland County Extension Office
123 West Main Street
Sidney, MT 59270



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. To see if your event is on there, go to the Extension web site and click on library calendar.

Sew Much Fun Workshops

A sewing workshop will be held Wednesday December 30th at the Sidney Library Basement from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The project we will be making this month is a really cute & useful Box Bag. An adult is needed to attend with the beginning 4-H member. General sewing supplies and a sewing machine are needed. The supplies needed for this project are:

SUPPLY LIST

- 1 Fat Quarter or ½ yd fabric for exterior
- 1 Fat Quarter or ½ yd fabric for lining
- ½ yd medium weight fusible interfacing
- 12” zipper
- A zipper foot for your machine will be needed – or a narrow ¼” foot

We will need several people to bring rotary mats, rulers & rotary cutter.
Please sign up by Monday December 28 at the Extension Office. Contact Leslie if you have questions, 406-569-2020.

Sewing Patterns Available

Leslie will be placing a second order for Sewing Patterns on December 1st. Please contact the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen if you're interested in purchasing some patterns.

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

The Annual Leaders Dinner Meeting will be held Monday, January 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Basement. Please RSVP by December 31st.

All leaders are encouraged to attend.

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 1st 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 up coming year. **All clubs are encouraged to apply!**

Shooting Sports Training

Attention Shooting Sports Parents

We are working on having a training in Sidney for air rifle & trap shoot the week of December 14th. We need all leaders with kids in Shooting Sports to attend this training; otherwise, we may not be able to continue. More details will be coming as arrangements are made.



Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year on November 14th starting at 9:00 a.m. for everyone. 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 a shooting sports Junior Leader a call.

Dates for Shooting Sports:

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| November 14 |  | December 12 |
| January 16 | | February 13 |
| March 13 | | April 10 |

Executive Council and Livestock Committee Will hold their meeting on December 7th at the Richland County Extension Office beginning at 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.

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 12-19 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 February 1st to the Extension Office.



International 4-H Youth Exchange

Former Montana 4-H members, ages 19-30, live and work for 3 or 6 months in the country of their choice. Participants leave the US in mid-June and return in either September or December. 2010 Outbound Countries include: Australia, Costa Rica, Japan, and Norway. Costs vary depending on what country you choose to visit. The Host family provides you with room, board, and the IFYE program usually provides in-country transportation. Delegates are encouraged to apply for credits through their college.

For more information contact Stephanie Davison at the State 4-H Office, 994-3502.

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

The 2009-2010 beef project will start off Saturday, January 2nd with weigh in at Yellowstone Livestock Market Center from 10:00-12:00 a.m. **All Steers must be weighed at this facility**

You need to pick up your tags early to help 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. Bills of Sale and Livestock Delivery Agreement will be mailed to each member in Market Beef.

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

Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Ag Days Livestock Judging

This is an early reminder that the Ag Days Livestock Judging will take place January 9th. This contest will determine the makeup of several teams that will represent Richland County in other judging events during the year. There will be Montana Silver-smith buckles for Top Individual in Junior and Senior 4-H.

Livestock Judging Clinic

A livestock clinic is planned for January 2nd. The clinic will start at 1:00 p.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. Laura Schieber, judging coach, will be giving a short workshop to help members get started judging.

MQA/Livestock Judging



The first MQA will be held on November 15th starting at 1:00 p.m. at Dynneson's feedlot. To get there, go 4 miles north of Sidney towards Fairview, take a left on Rd 129, go until you get to the feedlot. There will be a heated shop for most of the class, but it is **HIGHLY** recommended to dress for the weather. Following the MQA, a livestock judging open house will be held to welcome all members interested in judging.

Thank you

Congratulations to the Valley View Wranglers on a very successful Achievement Days. A special thank you goes to everyone who brought pies for the auction.

Volunteer Certification

This year all leaders are required to fill out and sign the 4-H Volunteer Disclosure and Consent form. To ensure the safety of our youth, **ALL** leaders will go through a check once and all new leaders here after.



4-H Junior Leaders Meeting

Jr. Leaders will be meeting after the MQA Livestock Judging on November 15th. The meeting will be starting at 4:00 p.m. at Dynneson's feedlot.

Winter Survival Training

Steve Jenkins, Montana LTAP Director, will be putting on a workshop geared to 4-H members in Richland County for Winter Survival on December 16th at 6:00 p.m. at Rau School. Each club is asked to bring a pan of bars and 4-H members.



Horse Meeting

There will be a Horse Meeting November 21st at 10:00 a.m. in the Library Basement. Joyce will be giving a clinic on horse and rider suitability following the meeting. All horse members welcome.



Achievement Day



Club of the Year - Forever Buds



VFW Post 4099



15-Year Leader - Denice Ler



Helping Hand Award
Wyatt Handy



Friends of 4-H
Laura & Gary Schieber

4-H a Year in Review



7-Year 4-H Members



A great attendance



Flag Folding Ceremony



Project Scholarship Recipients