

Clover Chatter



Forever Buds - Club of the Year



Beef Stick Sale

The 2010 Beef Stick sale is now under way. The sale will go until November 15th, 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 15th 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 2 p.m. on December 5th. There are literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted. Beef Sticks can be picked up from 4-7 p.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 15th. 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. Please go to the website, fill out the spreadsheet, and email it to us.

4-H Project Material

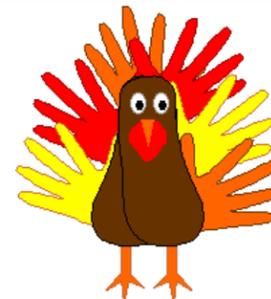
Soon we will be in the process of filling club material requests. We are waiting until we have all enrollments in to order the material. This will put a stop to the year long traffic of looking for a manuals. If you did not circle the literature needed, you will not get that material. Once it is handed 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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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 during the Christmas holiday break. More details will be available at a later date. If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please let the Extension Office know so we can forward any further details.

Sewing Patterns Available

We will be placing an order for Sewing Patterns on December 1st. Please contact the Extension Office if you're interested in purchasing some patterns. These are Simplicity patterns and at only \$1.00, quite a bargain.

Volunteer Certification

This year all current leaders are required to fill out and sign the 4-H Volunteer and Standards of Behavior and also the Personal Background forms. If you have not filled out these forms and returned them with your enrollment, please do so now and turn them in. To ensure the safety of our youth, **ALL** leaders will go through a check once and all new leaders here after.

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

This year the Leaders' Council would like to invite everyone out to the Triangle Nite Club for an appreciate Leaders Meeting. If you are interested in becoming active in leadership on the county level, this is for you. You must **preregister by noon** on December 30th because the office will be closed on the 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 upcoming year.

All clubs are encouraged to apply!

Thank you

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

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year on November 13th 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:

November 13
January 8
March 12



December **not held**
February 12
April 9

Executive Council and Livestock Committee Will hold their meeting on December 6th 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 11-18 and the cost is about \$1700, payable in two payments. There is a scholarship available for one delegate through the state (apply for the Susan K Dufner award). All applications and \$650 are due January 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 IFYE. 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. Inbound Countries include Japan, Costa Rica, Norway, Eurasia, or IFYE.

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

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

The 2010-2011 beef project will start off Thursday, December 30th 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 Saturday, January 15th. 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 Silversmith buckles for Top Individual in Junior and Senior 4-H.

Livestock Judging Clinic

A livestock clinic is planned for December 30th. 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.

Nile Results

The Richland County 4-H livestock judging team competed at the NILE in Billings in October. Wyatt Handy, Erin Oliver, Nettie Johnson, and Jared Rosaaen competed on the senior 4-H team. Oliver placed sixth overall and placed fifth individually in reasons.

The team placed fourth in reasons and overall. Rachael Oliver competed in the junior 4-H division.

Contestants judged five classes of beef, three classes of sheep, two classes of swine and gave three sets of reasons.

4-H Legislative Breakfast

The 4-H Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for January 18, 2011, at 6:30 a.m. at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena.

This is an opportunity for 4-H members to promote the 4-H program to our Legislators.

The theme for this year is...Linking the Past to the Future: The First 100 Years of Montana 4-H.

Any member who is interested in attending should contact the office for more information.

Officer Training

There will be an officer training on December 30th after the day of livestock events. The training will be for all club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. The meeting will last 45 minutes with a mock meeting at the end with the making of pizzas. We will begin at 5:00 p.m. and conclude at 6:30 with the meal.

Horse Meeting

Crystal Yeend will be holding several Horse Meetings this year. A tentative schedule follows. They will be held in the Library Basement from 1-4 p.m. Please bring your county book and your horsemanship manual. Additional information will be available closer to the meeting dates.

December 11
January 8



February 12
March 12

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

The 2011 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will be held in Helena February 27-March 1. This event is designated to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

This opportunity is open to members who are at least 14 years old as of October 1, 2010, who have not participated in the seminar in the past. It is recommended that the delegates have had education and experience in various components citizenship. Each county can send **two** delegates.

Each delegate is expected to sponsor one potential "bill" suitable for the 4-H Legislature to act on. Your bill needs to be uploaded at the time of registration. The state site has a template "How to Write a Bill" available. Please refer to this for any help you need.

There will also be a Montana History Bowl. On February 27th, a preliminary written test will be given to determine teams to participate in the final event.

Registration is due to the State Office by February 1, 2011. More information and forms are available our website.



Achievement Day



Emcees - Alexis & Clara



Project Scholarship Recipients



Payton and Bridger



Project Scholarship Recipients



5-Year Leaders - Colleen Topp, Staci Rice, Tina Rehbein, Heather Nevins, Carla Rasmussen



10-Year Leaders - Keith & Tammy Dynneson, Shane Gorder



Helping Hand Award
Wacey McMillen



Friends of 4-H
M3 Meats



A great attendance



10-Year 4-H Members



Silver Spur Recipients - Scott & Dawn Greenwood

4-H a Year in Review