

# Clover Chatter



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Leaders Dinner Meeting  
Jan 2nd, Extension Office  
6:00 p.m.

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,  
Welcome to the 2011-2012 4-H year in Richland County! If you are new to the Richland County 4-H program, I encourage you call upon the leaders & members in your club for valuable information. The Extension office is also here as a resource for you to utilize. For those members that are returning for another year—thank you for participating in 4-H! I encourage each of you to take full advantage of what 4-H can offer you & hope to see most of you participating in the many activities provided throughout the year.

The annual 4-H Achievement Dinner took place Sunday, October 30th, at the Extension Office in Sidney. We would like to thank each and every one of you for attending and we hope to need an even bigger place to hold Achievement Day next year! Congratulations to everyone who won awards and a huge THANK YOU to Badlands Brushpoppers for being our hosts!!

At the last Livestock Committee meeting we discussed many fair related topics. There are some changes that the youth exhibiting livestock need to be aware of. First of all, you will be required to participate in showmanship for every species of livestock you enter. All beef and dairy projects will be required to be shown in a leather show halter. We will be watching more closely this year for proper showmanship dress. Finally, just as a reminder, it is the responsibility of the 4-H exhibitor to care for, feed, wash, and be the main handler of their livestock at the fair. We realize some of the exhibitors are very young, but since 4-H is a “learning by doing” program, we would like to see the youth doing the work. If you have any questions on any of these topics, please contact the Extension Office.

For all the market beef participants, please plan ahead. The weighing and tagging of the market beef will take place on December 29th from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Yellowstone Livestock Yards. The brand inspector will be there and you must have the bill of sale from the breeder of your animal to the youth exhibiting it. The ONLY reason not to have a bill of sale is if the animal is branded in the brand of the 4-H member. If you do not have your bill of sale, you will not be allowed to weigh in your animals.

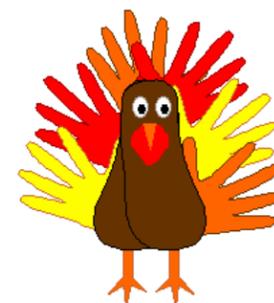
The next Leader’s Meeting will be Monday November 14th at 7:00 at the Extension Office. If you have agenda items, please let us know.

If you have any information that you would like to see displayed in the newsletter or if you have any suggestions for the county website, please e-mail the info to [julianne.snedigar@montana.edu](mailto:julianne.snedigar@montana.edu). We are working on getting everything updated on the website. Also, please check out Richland County 4-H on our blog <http://richlandcounty4h.blogspot.com> or look for us on facebook at Richland County 4-H.

I wish you all a very successful 2011-2012 4-H year!

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## Beef & Cheese Stick Sale

The 2011 Beef Stick sale is now under way. The sale will go until November 14th (We will be turning the order in 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 14th by 5:00 p.m. (If you plan on attending the Leader's Meeting that night, you may turn your order in then).

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 3rd. There are literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted.

Beef Sticks can be picked up from 4-7 p.m. at the Extension Office.

Money is due to the office by December 15th. Each club must turn in one check made out to the Richland County 4-H Council; no individual checks will be accepted.

As with the fruit sale, all extra boxes will be purchased when you request them.

**Executive Council and Livestock Committee**  
**Will hold their meeting on December 5th at the**  
**Richland County Extension Office**  
**beginning at 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.**

## Junior Leaders

There will be a junior leader meeting on November 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will be electing officers, selecting community service activities and planning events for the year. Anyone interested in participating in junior leaders this year should plan on attending.

## Sew Much Fun Workshops

There may be a sewing workshop will be held during the Thanksgiving 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.

★ Note the new web address: ★  
[www.msueextension.org/richland/4h](http://www.msueextension.org/richland/4h)

## Project Books

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. 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.

## Library Basement/ Extension

All 4-H Clubs that intend on using the Library Basement or the Extension Office for their meetings must call in to the office and reserve the rooms for their meeting times.

## Volunteer Certification

All new 4-H 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, last year ALL leaders went through a check and all new leaders here after will go through the same certification process. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

## Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year on November 12th starting at 9:00 a.m. for everyone enrolled in the shooting sports program. The workshops will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Events Center. 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.

Dates for Shooting Sports:

November 12  
 December 17  
 January 14



February 11  
 March 17  
 April 14

## The Leaders Dinner Meeting

This year the Leaders' Council would like to invite everyone out to the Extension Office for an "appreciate" Leaders Meeting on Monday, January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming active in leadership on the county level, please join us. You must **preregister by noon** on December 30th.

All leaders are encouraged to attend.

## Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2012

Plan ahead... Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be in Lewistown on March 16-18th. The 2012 theme is "100 Years of Green". Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

# Barn Yard Talk

## Beef Weigh-In

All market beef must be weighed and tagged on December 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at the Yellowstone Livestock Yards in Sidney. There will be a brand inspector on site. You must have a Bill of Sale from the breeder to the exhibitor in order to weigh your animal in. Lunch will be served by the Forever Buds 4-H Club. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office

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.

## Horse Committee Meeting

There will be a horse committee meeting on Thursday, Nov 17th at 5:30 in the Library Basement. We would like to have a horse program member from each club present for voting. Any horse member is invited to attend as well as anyone interested in the horse program.

## 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 6th 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!**



## Livestock Judging Clinic

A livestock clinic is planned for December 29th. The clinic will start at 1:00 p.m. at Yellowstone Livestock yards 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.

## Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Ag Days Livestock Judging

This is an early reminder that the Ag Days Livestock Judging will take place Saturday, January 14th. 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.



**Alberta 4-H Leaders Conference – Application deadline extended**

Plans are underway for the 70th Annual Alberta 4-H Leaders’ Conference 2012. Once again, Montana 4-H has been invited to send up to 8 adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference. Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year. Priority consideration will be given to applicants: who have not previously attended, from counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years, and who have served as leaders for 3 or more years (including the current year).

Remaining delegate positions will be selected based on information provide in the application. Application forms are due to the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development by November 10, 2011 (in the center by not postmarked by). Applications will be reviewed and individuals will be notified in late October or early November. Meals, lodging and registration for the Alberta Leaders’ Conference will be paid for by the Canadian sponsors. Part of the delegate travel expenses are paid for by the Montana 4-H Council. Delegates will be responsible for some travel expenses to the Conference. For more information contact the Extension Office.

**Citizenship and International Opportunities:**

Four U.S. Department of State programs offer scholarships for American high school students to study abroad:

**The National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y)** offers merit-based scholarships to U. S. high-school aged students for overseas study of seven critical foreign languages: Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Hindi, Korean, Persian (Tajik), Russian and Turkish. The NSLI-Y program is designed to immerse participants in the cultural life of the host country, giving them invaluable formal and informal language practice and sparking a lifetime interest in foreign languages and cultures. Applications for summer 2012 and academic year 2012-2013 programs are due November 3, 2011. Visit [www.nsliforyouth.org](http://www.nsliforyouth.org) for more information.

**The Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Abroad Program** offers scholarships to American high school students to spend a semester or an academic year in Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Oman, Thailand, and Turkey. This post 9/11 program focuses on increasing understanding between people in the U.S. and countries with significant Muslim populations. The application deadline is January 11, 2012. Visit the YES Program’s website for more information.

**The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Program (CBYX)** was established in 1983 to celebrate German-American friendship based on common values of democracy. Secondary school students live with host families, attend local schools, and participate in community life in Germany. Young professionals (undergraduates) and high-school graduates of vocational studies ages 18-24 study and participate in practical training. Scholarships are now available for academic year 2012-13. Prior German language skills are not required. For more information visit [USAGermanyScholarship.org](http://USAGermanyScholarship.org).

**The American Youth Leadership Program** offers opportunities for American high students and educators to travel abroad on a three- to four-week-long exchange program to gain first-hand knowledge of foreign cultures and to collaborate on solving global issues. Several different organizations implement this program, and each has organized an academic and experiential educational exchange focused on dialogue and debate, leadership development, and community service. Recruitment areas and application deadlines vary, so please check the American Youth Leadership Program website for more information.

**4-H Center for Youth Development** offers month-long host family stays to Australia, Norway or Japan for youth or adult chaperones. Application deadline is January 1, 2012 and application materials are available at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org).

**Citizenship Washington Focus** offers a week-long trip to Washington, D.C. for youth or adult chaperones to meet Montana’s legislators, tour the city and participate in citizenship workshops. Application deadline is January 1, 2012 and application materials are available at [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org).

**4-H Science, Engineering and Technology**

**presents:**

**Robotics Training for the Eastern Montana Region**

Dawson County and MSU 4-H Extension is please to host a regional training in Robotics for youth and leaders this November 19-20. Robotics is a fun, hands-on vehicle for introducing youth to science, engineering and technology - come see for yourself! This is one of four regional trainings that will take place this fall and winter across Montana so you are in Dawson, Richland, McCone, Prairie, Wibaux, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Daniels, Valley, Custer, Fallon, Garfield, Rosebud, Powder River, or Carter County, please join us! Counties that join us for the training will have first priority to rent a robotics kit for the year for a minimal fee to help kick off your new robotics club or program.

- Where:** Glendive, MT
- When:** November 19-20, 2011
- Fee:** \$25 per person per 3hour block (see schedule)  
\$40 per person for entire 1 day workshop  
\$free FIRST robotics competition demo from 4-5pm

**Schedule:**

<i>Saturday Nov 19</i>	<i>Sunday Nov 20</i>
9am-12 Intro to NXT Robotics	9am-12 Graphing with NXT robotics
12-1pm Lunch	12-1pm Lunch
1-4pm Using NXT Sensors	1-4pm WeDo Robotics
4-5pm FIRST Robotics Competition Demo	4-5pm FIRST Robotics Competition Demo

**Description:**

- Intro to NXT robotics: min age 8+
- Graphing with NXT robotics: min age 12+
- FIRST Robotics Competition Demo:
- Using NXT Sensors: min age 8+
- WeDo Robotics: min age 6+

**Hotels:** Yellowstone River Inn 377-4433, Super 8 365-5671, Days Inn 365-6011, Comfort Inn 365-6000. Bed & Breakfast – 365-3207

**For additional details, please contact:**

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Gregg Switzer, MSU 4-H Extension, [mt4hrobotics@montana.edu](mailto:mt4hrobotics@montana.edu)

**Note:** Your fee goes toward entirely toward supporting this event and this year’s effort to introduce robotics throughout the state of Montana.

**Please RSVP by Nov 14 to [dawson1@montana.edu](mailto:dawson1@montana.edu) if you are coming so we can make arrangements.**