

Clover Chatter



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Beef & Cheese Stick Sale

Beef and Cheese stick orders are due to the office by November 17th. At this point in time, the delivery is scheduled for December 1st. The time is TBA. We will be passing on more specific delivery date information as we receive it.

Officer Training Rescheduled

Richland County will be having a county wide workshop on December 9 2014, at the Extension Office at 6:30 p.m. This workshop will be great for any youth who are currently serving as officers of their club or are interested in being officers in the future. Please call the office to sign up. The sign up deadline is Tuesday December 2nd.

New Council Officers

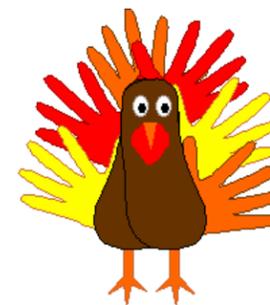
We are happy to announce our new officers. Heather Nevins is now serving as the Vice President and Cherry Colgan as the Secretary. Also, our new directors are Colleen Topp and Kelly Deming. Thank you to all who serve on the Council.

Greytak Calendars

Back by popular demand, the annual Greytak calendar sale will begin soon. The calendars will be available at local financial institutions and the Extension Office the week before Thanksgiving. The calendars are \$10.00 and are full of one of kind drawings by Don Greytak, and would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Use of Meeting Room

Due to high use of the meeting room: If you are scheduled for a time that no longer works for you, or you are changing your meeting time or location, you need to contact the office and let us know of the changes. We schedule many different groups and meeting on the same day, according to the time of their use. If you change the time of the meeting or event and do not let the office know, we may have scheduled someone else to use the room at that time.



Happy Thanksgiving

Executive Council and Livestock Committee
Will hold their meeting on December 1st at the
Richland County Extension Office
beginning at 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.

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 an application process. Forms can be picked up at the Office and are due back to the Office by January 30th. Selections will be made at February 2nd Executive Council Meeting.

This is a great way for clubs to get funding to do something that will give back to the community.

There have been many great projects completed in the past. We look forward to seeing what great ideas come forward this year.

All clubs are encouraged to apply!

Winter Carnival

Junior Leaders will once again be hosting a winter carnival, open to all Jr. Members and Cloverbuds in Richland County. It will be held on December 30th, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. There will be plenty of fun activities including roping, cartooning, games and of course dinner and dessert. Please pre-register by December 22nd, at the Extension Office. Hope to see all of you there!

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports for the year will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Event Center. Pre-registration will be due the Wednesday prior to the shoot.

This year's shooting dates:

November 22nd

December 13th

January 10th

February 14th

March 14th

April 11th

May 9th



Legislative Breakfast

This event will be January 19-20th in Helena. Legislative Breakfast provides the opportunity to educate Montana Legislators about the work and success of 4-H and MSU Extension. It brings youth and adult constituents from across the state together to share ideas, issues and concerns. The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes and pays for the event through private donations and other support. It is held during the years when the legislature is in session.

If you wish to attend, please contact the Extension Office.

Citizenship Seminar

The 2015 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar is scheduled for March 2015 (dates to be announced) in Helena. This event is designed to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. 4-H members must be 14 years of age by October 1, 2014 and must NOT have previously attended Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar. It is recommended that participants are older youth who have had education and experience in various components of citizenship. Each county will be allotted two delegates if registered by the February 1 deadline. After February 1, registration will be open to alternates on a first-come, first-served basis. If interested in attending please contact the Extension Office.

Jr. Leaders

The Jr. Leaders will be meeting the third Sunday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Jr. Leaders is a great way for senior 4-H members to get involved at the county level. Anyone that is interested in being apart of Jr. Leaders should plan to attend the next meeting on Decemember 21st at 6:00 p.m.

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 any. These are Simplicity patterns and at only \$1.00, quite a bargain. These can be viewed at the Simplicity website under classroom & free projects, then to the teacher's kit, and then browse patterns.

Western Regional 4-H Leaders e-Forum 2015

Oregon 4-H is hosting the first ever Western Regional 4-H Leaders e-Forum (WRLF) as a virtual learning experience. They are providing three virtual educational experiences for groups of volunteers and staff to gather and learn together. All events begin at 7:30 MST.

Tuesday, January 27th – Youth Connect: At Great Meetings
Thursday, February 12th – Widening the Circle: Special Connections
Monday, March 2nd – Youth Connecting in Your Community

The e-Forum is designed for a group to join together to view the webinar and take part in interactive discussion and activi-ties.

Additional information and promotional materials can be found at; <http://oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu/wrlf2015>.

If you have questions about the application process or the event, contact Allison Kosto at allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Achievement Day

Thank You
To the Forever Buds 4-H Club for all the work
they did to make Achievement Day a Success!



Congratulations to the Brorson Farmhands for being this year's Club of the Year



Congratulation to RTK Construction and Posh Cabinetry and Design for being this year's Friend of 4-H. Thank you for all you have done for the 4-H Program.



Thank you to our ambassadors for serving as the EmCee's for the night.



2014-15 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



October 2014

5-11 National 4-H Week
6 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.
16-18 Ambassador Fall Training
26 Achievement Day
TBA Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Judging

April

1 All Scholarship Apps Due
6 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
11 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.
23 Hog and Sheep Weigh Day

November

1-15 Christmas Beef Stick Sale
3 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
8 4-H Crafts Day
22 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.

May

4 Leaders Meeting - 7 p.m.
9 Shooting Sports 9 a.m. (if needed)
TBA Fashion Revue

December

1 Greytak Calendar Sale
1 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.
13 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.
30 Weigh Market Beef Projects

June

1 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
29 July Leader's Meeting - 7 p.m.
TBA 4-H Camp

January 2015

1 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due
5 Leaders Supper
10 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.
30 People Partner Grants Due
TBA Legislative Breakfast

July

6 Fair Entries Due
6-8 Pre-Congress - Bozeman
8-10 State 4-H Congress - Bozeman

February

1 Community Service Grants Due
2 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
14 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.
27-28 Ag Days

August

4 Entry Day
5-8 Richland County Fair
TBA Jr. Trip

March

2 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
14 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.
31 Project Add/Drop Deadline
TBA Citizenship Seminar
TBA Speech/Demonstration Day
TBA Fruit Sale

September

8 Leaders Meeting - Elections- 7 p.m.

October

5 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
4-10 National 4-H Week
TBA Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Judging

Check our site for updates:
<http://msuextension.org/richland/4-H.html>

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

The Leaders' Council would like to invite everyone out to dinner. This year's dinner will be served on Monday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. This dinner will be served in appreciation for all that Richland County 4-H leaders do. The leaders' meeting will follow dinner. You must pre-register by noon on December 29th.

All leaders are encouraged to attend!

Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2015

Save the date... Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be in Livingston March 27-29. The theme this year is 4-H Bonanza: Striking it Rich in 4-H. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills. This event is packed full of fun and education. The event is open to participants ages 13 and up.

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

All market beef must be weighed and tagged on Tuesday, December 30th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.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. You need to pick up your tags early to help save time on weigh in day. Each animal MUST have a bill of sale unless the brand is registered under the 4-H member's name. Bills of Sale and Livestock Delivery Agreements will be mailed to each member in the Market Beef Project. To be able to weigh in animals, members must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project and have their enrollment forms turned in.

MQA

There will be an MQA training following Market Beef Weigh In on December 30th. MQA is a training that is mandatory every other year, and to all first year members who are enrolled in market livestock projects. Please call the office if you have any further questions.



Horse Committee Meeting

Horse Play!!!!

The Horse Program members are hosting a workshop, the 3rd Sunday of every month.

This is an open invitation to ALL 4-H Members of Richland County to attend our workshops!!!

The next workshop will be December 21 at 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. This meeting and program will be hosted by the Waltner Family.

This invitation is open to ANY current 4-H member!! If you are not a current Horse program member or Horseless Horse program member, Please RSVP to the extension office. This way we can provide the proper supplies and food for all attending.

Hope to see you there!!!

Market Beef Care Tips

1. Provide your calf with clean, fresh water at all times. A calf will drink about 8% of its body weight in cold weather.
2. Feed steers about 2.5 pounds dry feed for every 100 pounds of body weight each day.
3. Feed growing cattle about 12-16% crude protein in their diet depending on their weight and growth rate.
4. Check daily for injuries, sickness, unusual things or changes in behavior.
5. Provide shade from sun and protection from wind, snow and rain.

From *Bite into Beef*

Upcoming Montana 4-H Volunteer Excellence Webinars

For the second year, the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is pleased to offer the Montana 4-H Volunteer Excellence Webinar Series. This year we have many guest speakers on a variety of topics. The objective of the webinars is to provide a virtual educational experience for 4-H volunteers, youth or staff to gain new skills and explore concepts to help build a positive youth development environment embracing belonging, mastery, independence and generosity.

There is no cost to participate. Registration is required to access webinar. If you have any questions, please contact Allison Kosto. Additional information and registration can be found at www.montana4h.org/#program:56.

Title	Date	Description	Presenter
So You're An Ambassador... Now What?	1/20/15 7:30 pm	The Montana 4-H Center and the Ambassador officer team has been working to develop resources to help Montana 4-H Ambassadors Lead, Promote and Serve. Learn about these resources and discuss how you can support your county Ambassador program and utilize these young leaders in your county 4-H programs. This webinar will be a follow-up to information that was received during Ambassador Fall Training.	Brett Schomer 4-H Events & Leadership Program Coordinator
Life Skills at the 4-H Livestock Sale	2/10/15 7:30 pm	It's easy to get swept away in the competition for grand champion and selling an animal at the Fair. However, through 4-H livestock projects youth are learning a magnitude of life skills such as responsibility, record keeping, sportsmanship, goal setting and problem solving. This webinar will focus on developing skills in youth livestock projects and strategies to make these projects more than just showing and selling an animal.	Todd Kesner Interim 4-H Director
Managing Risk: What I Need to Know as a 4-H Volunteer	3/18/15 7:30pm	Risk management is a critical element of all 4-H youth development programs. It provides assurances that planning for participant safety has been addressed. Risk management aims to minimize negative outcomes of unexpected events. This webinar will present tools to manage and assess risk and address situations related to 4-H event planning.	Allison Kosto 4-H Assoc. Specialist Brett Schomer 4-H Prog. Coordinator

International and Citizenship News

International

All Outbound applications are due December 1, 2014 (chaperones and delegates). Forms are located on the website at www.montana4h.org under Programs > International.

Summer programs 2015 (\$1000 deposit due with application):

Japan 8-week: June 10-August 6

Japan 4-week: July 8-August 6

Finland: June 29-August 1 (tentative)

Costa Rica: June 18-July 17 (tentative)

Chaperones (ages 25+) are needed for these trips. Chaperone fees are substantially less than delegate fees and vary by country. Chaperones stay with host families.

Ghana, West, Africa: American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) sponsored by the University of Wyoming to students in Western states. The 2015 program will take place in Ghana, West, Africa. Applications are due December 1, 2014. Interested students and adult leaders should go to <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/international/ghana/index.html> to apply. Pro-program occurs in July 2015 (specific dates TBA). An orientation in Wyoming is required for selected applicants.

IFYE (\$500 deposit due with application): 19-30 year old former 4-H members may apply to go to a country of their choice from mid-June to mid-September or early December. Some financial assistance is available from the 4-H Foundation. In addition, the national IFYE Association may have funds to assist Outbound delegates. There is an extensive (3-4 months), required reporting period for those accepting financial assistance.

IFYE Reporting: Counties that would like to request Monica Mitchell (2013-2014 IFYE) to present her experiences traveling to the United Kingdom and Greece should submit their request by December 15 (see attached request form).

Year-long (new this year) (\$1000 deposit due with application):

Japan: mid-August, 2015 to mid-July, 2016. Attend a Japanese high school and participate in LEX Hippo Clubs. Must be 15-18 to apply (specific birth dates apply – contact Stephanie at 994-3502).

Citizenship

CWF (Citizenship Washington Focus): June 6-13, 2015 (ages 15-19)

LWF (Leadership Washington Focus): June 14-19, 2015 (grades 7-9)

Applications for both programs due January 1, 2015 (chaperones and delegates)

Citizenship Seminar: dates to be announced (March 2015). This citizenship-in-action program takes place in Helena for 4-H members who are 14+. Counties determine, individually, how they will select delegates to participate. Application deadline is February 1, 2015. Applications must include a bill written by the delegate – these bills will be debated in committees and “on the floor” during the mock legislature.

Leadership/Planning team: Those who participated previously in Citizenship Seminar are eligible to apply to be on the leadership/planning team for the 2015 event (see attached application). Due December 15, 2014.

For more information on any of these opportunities, Contact Stephanie Davison, sdavison@montana.edu