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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

We are at the beginning of another year. This past year was one of change and growth for not only 4-H, but also my family. As many know on July 30th Aubree Catherine was born. This has proven to take much more of my time that I use to give to 4-H. It has also given me the view as a parent, and not just an Agent.

I look forward to what this year has to offer. There are many new faces that are helping with committee's and executive council. The Robotics program looks to be taking off along with many workshops for members such as quilting, shooting sports and livestock judging.

Wade Whitman

MSU Extension Agent-Richland County

Achievement Day

Our annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation banquet will be held at West Side School on November 4th. The Richland Rockets are hosting a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. and all families are encouraged to bring a hot-dish, salad or dessert.

We challenge clubs to set up displays showing the past year's activities. A special award will be given to the best display. There will be 4-H license plates given to two lucky families.

Record Books Due

Record books will be due in the Extension Office Monday, October 1st. This should give members plenty of time to get them finished and into the Extension Office.

In order to be eligible for county awards you need to turn in your record books with a record book evaluation sheet in the front, signed by your Organizational Leader. Books that do not include this form will automatically be disqualified.

Please make sure your permanent records stay in the back of the book while your current records are in the front. Please do your best on your records so you can receive the recognition you deserve.

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



Project Material

The Montana Clover, outlining projects and supporting materials plus enrollment forms were handed out at the September Leader's Meeting. If you have not received your clubs material, please take the time and stop by to pick it up.

Also, please keep in mind that the project material is expensive. We will fill club orders when ALL enrollments are returned to the office as a club. If during the year, members lose or destroy materials — you will be responsible for buying new ones.

All projects can be added or dropped until March 31st, so please consider what you can get done during the course of the year and maintain that load. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at 433-1206.

4-H - SET Science Engineering Technology

National 4-H Week is October 7-13. As usual, we will also be doing some special media things with radio and newspaper.

The theme, 4-H SET should follow the theme of technology. In today's schools we see technology in forms of robotics, computer graphics, and web design. Displays can also encourage youth to get involved in 4-H through technology.

Please contact the Extension Office as to the location of your window display so that they can be judged.

To access more information on 4-H Week, go to the 4-H web site: www.richland.org/extension. Then click on 4-H, then National 4-H Week. email: whiteman@montana.edu password: richland

Ambassador Happenings

All Ambassadors need to turn in a Plan of Action to the Extension Office by November 1st. A Plan of Action needs to contain all activities that you plan on conducting in the next year. If you need help with your plan of actions, contact Wade and he can help you get started.

Memorial Awards

In appreciation of 4-H Leaders who have spent many dedicated hours helping youngsters "make the best better" and to promote a continuing interest in 4-H projects, the Richland County 4-H Council is again making available several grants in memory of all leaders who have helped our program.

These will be in form of \$25 grants given to the 4-H'ers to help defray expenses on their projects next year. The grants will be divided into four general areas.

Home-Ec: Clothing, family life, foods, home environment, child development, and consumer projects.
Animal: Beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, dog, poultry, and rabbit.

General Ag and Mechanics: Vet science, entomology, horticulture, small engine, electricity, bicycle, wood-working and aerospace.

Miscellaneous: Self determined, Junior. Leadership, exploring 4-H, leather, photography, wildlife, etc.

To be eligible for these grants, the 4-Her must be enrolled in the project this year (2006-2007) and plan to continue it next year (2007-2008). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on November 4th. Please be present to accept your award.

**Applications are due in the
Extension Office by October 15th**
*Applications will be reviewed by the
Award & Record Committee*

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will be held on Thursday October 11th at the Extension Office starting at 5:30 p.m.. Pizza and beverages will be supplied! The Executive Council encourages any leaders who desire to help to come and take part in the evaluation process. In addition, each club is asked to have at least one leader present as well.

Many times, as leaders, we can learn where the weaknesses are in a project so we can then improve the projects for next year, and it starts here!

Leader's Meeting November 5th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 5th at the Library Basement at 7:00 p.m. We encourage any leaders past or present to come and get involved at the meeting. Remember, you can't make changes if your voice isn't heard!

**Executive Council and Livestock Committee
Will hold their meeting on
Thursday, October 4th at the
Richland County Extension Office beginning
at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.**

*If you plan to be on the livestock committee you
need to attend.*

2007 Leader's Forum

The Montana 4-H Leaders Forum will be held October 5th - 6th in Havre. This is open to any leader who would like to attend this fun event. There is going to be a variety of workshops offered for attendees. If you are interested in attending you can stop by the office and fill out a registration form.

Sewing Patterns

The office has received Fall/Winter Simplicity patterns that can be purchased. If you're interested in purchasing some patterns stop by the Extension Office. We will be placing an order October 1st and December 1st.

N.I.L.E. Judging

We are currently taking names of members involved in livestock and horse judging for this years N.I.L.E. Judging Contest. The Livestock judging will take place on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:00 am with registration and 7:30 with contest instructions. Horse judging will take place on Monday, October 15th at 2:30 pm with registration and 3:00 pm with contest instructions. For members going in livestock judging, there will be mandatory practices that you will attend to prepare for the contest. If you are interested, please call the Extension Office prior to September 13th to get your name on the list. Priority will be given to members who have attended judging's and practices from last year to fill the teams.



Got Dairy?

Wick Dairy Calf Giveaway

The Wick family is again donating a swiss cross calf to a Jr Member. The dairy program has been expanding in past years and has become an exciting project. Wick's dairy animals were very competitive this year as will be the calf they are donating. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications are due to the Extension Office by October 15th.

Quilting Workshop

Quilts and More will be offering a beginning quilting class for anyone that is interested. There will be two projects to pick from: a patchwork pillowcase and a beginner quilt. It will be October 27, 2007 beginning at 10 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. There will be a fee for this class. For fabric requirements and questions please contact Sara McMillen at 406-569-2020 or Quilts and More at 406-482-3366.

Jr. Leaders Meeting

There is a Jr. Leaders Meeting set for October 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Miller's Corner. Agenda items will include yearly program. Sr members are invited to get involved. If anybody is interested call the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen

Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports Program will begin its first shoot on November 10th. The schedule will remain the same as it has been in the past. Each shoot will take place at West Side Elementary in Sidney. Members who are 9 through 10 years of age will shoot from 9–10:30 a.m., 11 and up will shoot from 10:30 till noon.

As in the past, it will cost a member \$12 to shoot for the entire year. At each shoot a member attends, they will get \$2 of this money refunded. So if you make every shoot, this program is free to you. Members are required to call the office this year to register for each shoot. **Members will not receive their \$2 otherwise.**

Dates for Shooting Sports:
November 10 December 8
January 19 February 9
March 8 April 12



Shooting Sports Training

There will be a shooting sports certification training on September 28-29 in Glasgow. Disciplines offered include rifle, archery, shotgun, and hunting. In order to expand our program we need leaders to be certified. The class will start on the evening of September 28th and go through the 29th. If interested, call the Extension Office.

2007 Congress Delegates

It doesn't seem very long ago that we were at Bozeman enjoying all the activities and workshops. It was truly an educational experience. Members are not done when the trip is over. Member are required to do the following items:

1. Give Report to Council within the calendar year. (September or November meeting)
2. Conduct workshop or help with a county wide event.

Member's eligibility for activities depend on completion of requirements.

4-H Council Elected

At the September 4-H Leaders Meeting a new slate of officers were elected to guide our 4-H organization through the next year. Without the time and dedication of our leaders, today's youth would not have the opportunities that they have with the Richland County 4-H!! 4-H would not be what it is without you, we thank you! So let's get the new 4-H year off to a great start and show what "The Power of Youth" really means!!!

President-	Kathy Helmuth
Vice President-	Patty Whitford
Secretary-	Lisa Gorder
Treasurer-	Penni Lewis
Historian-	Pam Henson
Director-	Dale Vitt (06)
Director-	Pat Wick (06)
Director-	Lauri Handy (07)
Director -	Marty Prevost (07)

Craft Day

There will be a craft day planning meeting on Monday, September 17th at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Craft Day has been set for November 10th from 1-4 p.m. at Rau School. This was scheduled to follow Shooting Sports so members can make both of these great activities in one day! There is a great selection of crafts for Jr. members! Please register at the Office by November 8th so we can prepare for this fun day.

Member and Leader Dues

Dues for members are \$3 and \$5 for leaders. Leaders dues go directly to the State Leaders Council, while members' dues stay in the county to help pay for project material expenses sheet. All dues are to be turned in with your club enrollments, which are due November 1st. **Please pay with just one check for your whole club and complete the new form to be turned in.**

Robotics

If there are any members interested in the Robotics program enroll in it for the new 4-H year. Brian Redman will be conducting workshops this winter to help members get started with the project. For more information about Robotics call the Extension Office or Brian Redman.

2007 4-H Junior Trip



The 2007 Jr. Trip was to Medora this year. There were 24 members able to attend and enjoy the day. Members were able to enjoy the day taking in the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame, Mini Golf, Chateau De Mores, and the evening musical among other sites.

Can my child go on this trip??? Of course they can!! Any Jr. member can participate as long as they compete in a county activity (speech day, demo day, Ag Days Livestock judging, or fashion review) and turn in a record book the year before if they are a returning member. So remember this as we start to plan for upcoming activities.

