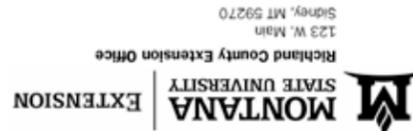




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**Will be Missed**

Becky recently took a position in the Clerk and Records Office. We would like to thank her for all that she has done for Extension and 4-H. We wish her luck at the new job.

**Achievement Day**

Our Annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation banquet will be held at Lambert High School on November 2nd. The Three Buttes are hosting a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. All families A-I are encouraged to bring a hot-dish, J-S salad and T-Z 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 a 4-H license plate given to a lucky family.

**Record Books Due**

Record books will be due to the Extension Office 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 book with the 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.

**Jr Leaders Meeting**

This years Jr Leaders will have their first organizational meeting on September 21st at 2 pm. They will be meeting at the new 4-H sign at the fairgrounds entrance. They will then hold a meeting at the bowling alley. To be a Jr Leader you need to be a Sr Member in 4-H. If you are interested give Tammy or Heather a call. Everyone is welcome!!

**ROBOTICS**

The Robotics program will be starting again this year. Brian Redman will be holding classes on 9-29, 10-6, 10-13, 10-20, 10-27. All members are encouraged to attend this first program to see what it is all about. They will begin at 4:30 pm for the first class. If you have any questions, please give Brian a call.

*Buyers Plaques can be picked up at the Extension Office*

## 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 or talk to your Club Organizational Leader.

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 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!!!

<b>President-</b>	<b>Kathy Helmuth (06)</b>
<b>Vice President-</b>	<b>Tammy Dynneson (08)</b>
<b>Secretary-</b>	<b>Lisa Gorder(06)</b>
<b>Treasurer-</b>	<b>Penni Lewis (07)</b>
<b>Historian-</b>	<b>Sandy Jepsen (07)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Melonie Oliver (08)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Pat Wick (06)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Lauri Handy (07)</b>
<b>Director -</b>	<b>Marty Prevost (07)</b>

## 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.**

## 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 a \$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 (2007-2008) and plan to continue it next year (2008-2009). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on November 2nd. Please be present to accept your award.

**Applications are due in the Extension Office by October 1st**

## Record Book Judging

Record book judging will be held on Wednesday October 1st 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 3rd

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 3rd 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 6th at the Extension Office beginning at 7 & 8 p.m.**

*If you plan to be on the livestock committee you need to attend. A new Livestock Chairman will be selected as will the Helping Hand Award.*

## Ambassador Happenings

Current Ambassadors need to turn in a Plan of Action to the Extension Office by October 15th. 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 or Heather.

## 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 14th at 7:00 am with registration and 7:30 with contest instructions. Horse judging will take place on Monday, October 13th 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 12th 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.

## Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports Program will begin the 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 a.m., 11 and up will shoot from 10-11 am

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:

<b>November 8</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>January 17</b>	<b>February 14</b>
<b>March 14</b>	<b>April 18</b>

## 2008 Leader's Forum

The Montana 4-H Leaders Forum will be held September 26-27 in Great Falls. 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 September 12th. Info is available on our web site.





National 4-H Week is October 5-11. As usual, we will also be doing some special media releases with radio and newspaper.

The theme, "keeping it green", should raise awareness about environmental issues and initiating environmental projects that make a positive difference in their communities. Members interested in radio spots will need to stop by the office and talk to Wade. We can now record podcast's for the radio in the Office.

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](http://www.richland.org/extension). Then click on 4-H, then National 4-H Week.

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password: richland

### Craft Day

There will be a craft day planning meeting on Thursday, September 18th, 4 pm at Millers Corner. Craft Day has been set for November 8th 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 4th so we can prepare for this fun day. Many of the projects will work for fair exhibits.

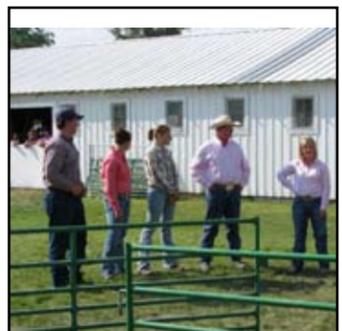
### 2008 Congress Delegates

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.*

### Fair Time Pictures



## 2008-09 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



### October 2008

6 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.  
5-11 National 4-H Week  
16-18 Ambassador Fall Training

### November

2 Achievement Day  
3 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
3-17 Christmas Beef Stick Sale  
8 4-H Crafts Day, 1 pm  
8 Shooting Sports, 9 am

### December

1 Greytak Calendar Sale  
1 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7pm  
TBA Weigh Market Beef Projects  
13 Shooting Sports

### January

5 Leaders Meeting  
17 Shooting Sports  
30 People Partner Grants Due

### February

2 Ex. Council/Livestock Committee - 7pm  
14 Shooting Sports  
13 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due

### March

2 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
2-16 Fruit Sale  
14 Shooting Sports  
23 Speech Day  
31 Project Add/Drop Deadline

### April

6 Ex. Council/Livestock Committee - 7 p.m.  
11 Easter Weekend  
18 Shooting Sports  
20 Demonstration Day  
24 Hog and Sheep Weigh Day

### May

4 Leaders Meeting - 7 p.m.  
TBA Fashion Revue

### June

1 Ex. Council/Livestock Committee - 7 p.m.  
23-25 4-H Camp

### July

6 Leaders Meeting - 7 p.m.  
22 Fair Entries Due  
TBA State 4-H Congress - Bozeman

### August

4 Entry Day  
5-8 Richland County Fair  
11 Lamb & Hog Carcass Show  
15 Swigart/Whiteman Scholar. Apps. Due  
17 Beef Carcass Show  
19 Jr Trip

### September

TBA Leaders Meeting - Elections- 7 p.m.

### October

5 Ex. Council/Livestock Committee - 7 p.m.  
4-10 National 4-H Week

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