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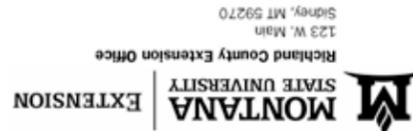
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Achievement Day

Our Annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation Banquet will be held at Rau School on November 1st. The Valley View 4-H Club is 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. There will be a 4-H license plate given to a lucky family.

2009 Leaders' Forum

The Montana 4-H Leaders Forum will be held September 25-26 here in Sidney. This is open to any leader or member who would like to attend this fun event. There is going to be a variety of workshops offered for attendees. This year's theme is "Harvesting Your Leadership Potential." If you are interested in attending, info and registration form are available on our web site (a reg form is also included in this mailing). Mail the completed registration blank to Circle. The Council will be paying the registration so please join us.



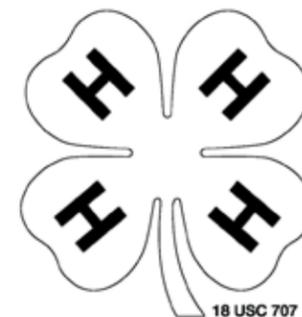
Record Books Due

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 show at next year's fair, members are required to turn in a **completed** record book. For details on a completed book, look at the cover page given with your records at the beginning of the year.

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.



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!!!

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

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. 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 grant 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-H’er must be enrolled in the project this year (2008-2009) and plan to continue it next year (2009-2010). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on November 1st. Please be present to accept your award.

Applications are due in the Extension Office by October 15th

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 a minimum of 2 leaders per club to come and take part in the evaluation process.

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 2nd

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 2nd 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 5th at the Extension Office beginning at 7 & 8 p.m.

If you plan to be on the Livestock Committee you need to attend. The Helping Hand Award will be selected.

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 Tammy or Heather.

Any member interested in attending Fall Training need to contact our Key Leader, Tammy Dynneson.



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 13th at 7:30 a.m. Horse judging will take place on Monday, October 12th at 2:00 p.m.

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 Laura Scheiber prior to September 15th to get your name on the list. Priority will be given to members who have attended judgings and practices from last year to fill the teams. Teams will be announced later this month.

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 Rau School 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:

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| November 14 | December 12 |
| January 16 | February 13 |
| March 13 | April 10 |

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.





National 4-H Week is October 4-10. As usual, we will also be doing some special media releases with radio and newspaper.

Ever wonder what the future will look like? The theme, "Meet the Future," should help answer this question. Just look at 4-H, where our youth discover, learn, and explore their true passions, gain confidence, and give back to their community. The fundamental 4-H idea of practical, "learn by doing" experiences encourage youth to experiment, innovate, and think independently to help them become our leaders of tomorrow.

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. Then click on 4-H, then National 4-H Week.

Craft Day

There will be a craft day planning meeting on Wednesday, September 16th, 5 p.m. at the Extension Office. 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.

2009 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



2009-10 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



October 2009

5 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.
 4-10 National 4-H Week
 15-17 Ambassador Fall Training

November

1 Achievement Day
 2 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 2-16 Christmas Beef Stick Sale
 14 4-H Crafts Day, 1 p.m.
 14 Shooting Sports, 9 am

December

7 Greytak Calendar Sale
 7 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.
 TBA Weigh Market Beef Projects
 12 Shooting Sports

January 2010

4 Leaders Supper
 8-9 Ag Days
 16 Shooting Sports
 30 People Partner Grants Due

February

1 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
 13 Shooting Sports
 1 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due

March

1 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
 1-15 Fruit Sale
 13 Shooting Sports
 22 Speech/Demonstration Day
 31 Project Add/Drop Deadline

April

5 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
 10 Shooting Sports
 22 Hog and Sheep Weigh Day

May

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

June

7 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
 28-30 4-H Camp

July

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

August

3 Entry Day
 4-7 Richland County Fair
 9 Lamb & Hog Carcass Show
 15 Swigart/Whiteman Scholar. Apps. Due
 16 Beef Carcass Show
 TBA Jr. Trip

September

7 Leaders Meeting - Elections- 7 p.m.

October

4 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.
 3-9 National 4-H Week

Check our site for updates:
www.richland.org/extension