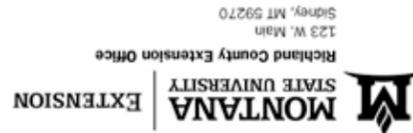




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# Clover Chatter



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### Carcass Judging

Carcass judging results can be found on the website under 4-H → Livestock.

## State Ambassador teaches Leadership

For the past year Katelyn Dynneson has provided leadership not only through our local program, but also at the state level. As Katelyn moves on, a new slate of ambassadors move in. Collin Barth, Lewistown will now be the State Ambassador President for the coming year. Along with Collin, there are four other youth that represent Montana's youth. If you are interested in what the Ambassador Program can do for you, please check out the Ambassador Fall Training.

## Club Financials/Secretary Book Due Oct 1

Clubs are required to turn in their financial review and Secretary's book on or before October first. The Club of the Year Form reflects heavily on these items being turned in. If members have questions on completing your review that was not covered in our financial meeting this summer, please feel free to give us a call. We will meet with members one on one if needed. Any club not turning in records, no literature will be handed out to them.



## 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 to talk to your Club Organizational Leader.

Also, please keep in mind that the project material is expensive. **If you do not check materials needed, you will not receive them.** 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!

<b>President-</b>	<b>Lisa Gorder (10)</b>
<b>Vice President-</b>	<b>Tammy Dynneson (08)</b>
<b>Secretary-</b>	<b>Lynette Young (10)</b>
<b>Treasurer-</b>	<b>Heather Nevins (09)</b>
<b>Historian-</b>	<b>Sandy Jepsen (07)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Melonie Oliver (08)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Kathy Helmuth (10)</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. All dues are to be turned in with your club enrollments, which are due November 1st. **Pay with just one check for your whole club and complete the new form that lists all members/leaders and their position, i.e., president, vp, sec.**

## 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 (2009-2010) and plan to continue it next year (2010-2011). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on November 7th. Please be present to accept your award.

**Applications are due in the Extension Office by October 15th**

## Club of the Year

All clubs are encouraged to submit the Club of the Year form. These were sent out with your club paperwork at the Sept. Leaders' Meeting, or they can be found on the website.

## 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.

## Leaders Meeting November 1st

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 1st 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 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 Fall Training

Fall training will be held October 21-23 at Fairmont Hot Springs. Fall training is a chance to learn more about the ambassador program, share ideas with other ambassadors across the state and get re-energized about 4-H. This training will be an exciting, hands-on experience. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources. This training will be an exciting, hands-on experience which will teach you leadership and communication skills. The weekend will also include fun social activities: swimming, games, dances, a formal dinner, and entertainment.

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

## Achievement Day

Our Annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Savage Hall on November 7th. The Yellowstone Valley 4-H Club is hosting a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. All families A-I are encouraged to bring a salad, J-S dessert and T-Z hot-dish.

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.

## Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports Program will begin the first shoot on November 13th. The schedule will remain the same as it has been in the past. Each shoot will take place at Rau School in Sidney. Shoots will begin at 9 a.m.

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 13</b>	<b>December TBA</b>
<b>January 8</b>	<b>February 12</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>April 9</b>

## 2010 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.*

## Craft Day

There will be a craft day planning meeting on Wednesday, September 21st, 5 p.m. at the Extension Office. Craft Day has been set for November 13th starting at 1:00 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 10th so we can prepare for this fun day. **No late entries will be accepted!!** Many of the projects will work for fair exhibits.



National 4-H Week is October 3-9. As usual, we will also be doing some special media releases with radio and newspaper.

When you look at 4-H you will find our youth *“taking the lead”* in addressing today’s challenges. 4-H is where they explore, learn and discover in a safe environment. In 4-H, they find their true passions, gain confidence, and give back to their community. Celebrate 4-H as they step up and take responsibility for their futures...and ours.

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.

### Registered Border Collie Pup Award

Norstog Border Collies, Sharon & Konrad Norstog, will be awarding a Registered Border Collie pup this fall to an interested 4-H member in the Mon-Dak Region.

The Norstog’s wish to provide some assistance to a 4-H member who has an interest and desire to own and train a working stock dog. All 4-H members are eligible to apply for the awarding of the pup and need not be enrolled in the dog or pets program. They do stipulate that the pup is trained as a working stock dog and not just a pet. Norstog’s are willing to help with the stock and help with training the pup at their farm south of Watford City.

The requirements are that the member actively train the pup with stock and be financially situated to provide for a well-balanced diet; a place where the pup can be safe from the elements, as well as traffic and in general be kept out of harm’s way; and provide for routine health care. It is also requested the pup be neutered in a timely manner.

The **application deadline is October 8**. Contact the Extension Office for forms or additional information. The Norstog’s can be reached at 701-842-3460.

### The Merit Heifer Program

The Merit Heifer program is a live animal scholarship. The purpose of the project is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to project participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals, and ability to care of the animal. Any youth ages 13-17 (as of January 1, 2011) who is a 4-H or FFA member may apply. **The application deadline is Sept 15**. Participants will be selected by October 1 and will be recognized at the NILE Stock Show in October.

Each participant will own their calf jointly with the NILE until the completion of the program, at which time NILE officials will sign off and the participant will take full ownership of the heifer and her offspring. Participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the NILE Stock Show in October. The program is completed after the heifer is determined bred, all records completed, and the heifer shown at the NILE Stock Show. Participants will not sell their program animals at the NILE; the purpose of this program is to help the participant start his or her own cattle herd.

Applications are available at [www.thenile.org](http://www.thenile.org) under the Merit Heifer section. Applications **MUST** be postmarked by September 15. Any questions, you can contact Bill Pelton, 406-656-3615, Amanda Moore, 406-860-9222, or the NILE office, 406-256-2497.

### 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 12th at 7:30 a.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 the Extension Office prior to September 15th to get your name on the list. Priority will be given to members who have attended judgments and practices from last year to fill the teams. Teams will be announced later this month.



## 2010-11 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



### October 2010

4 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.  
 3-9 National 4-H Week  
 21-23 Ambassador Fall Training

### November

1 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 1-15 Christmas Beef Stick Sale  
 7 Achievement Day  
 13 4-H Crafts Day, 1 p.m.  
 13 Shooting Sports, 9 am

### December

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

### January 2011

1 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due  
 3 Leaders Supper  
 8 Shooting Sports  
 13-14 Ag Days  
 30 People Partner Grants Due

### February

7 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 12 Shooting Sports

### March

7 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 12 Shooting Sports  
 31 Project Add/Drop Deadline  
 TBA Speech/Demonstration Day  
 TBA Fruit Sale

### April

1 All Scholarship Apps Due  
 4 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 9 Shooting Sports  
 28 Hog and Sheep Weigh Day

### May

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

### June

6 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 27-29 4-H Camp

### July

5 Leaders Meeting - 7 p.m.  
 12-15 State 4-H Congress - Bozeman  
 21 Fair Entries Due

### August

1 Entry Day  
 3-6 Richland County Fair  
 9 Lamb & Hog Carcass Show  
 16 Beef Carcass Show

### September

6 Leaders Meeting - Elections- 7 p.m.

### October

3 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 2-8 National 4-H Week

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