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# *Clover Chatter*

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

Congratulations to everyone who participated in any capacity at the 2011 Richland County Fair!!! The Extension office applauds each and every one of you for your efforts. A HUGE thank you goes out to the many, many, many individuals who helped the Extension office during the preparation of the fair and also the fair itself. We sincerely appreciate your willingness to assist with the 4-H program. THANK YOU!!!

If any market youth have not picked up your buyer pictures and livestock sale checks, you may do so from the Extension Office. We are still waiting on a few buyers to send in payment, but most of the checks are in the office.

Please remember to send thank you notes to your judges, buyers, barn superintendents, award sponsors, and anyone else who helped you have a successful fair. If you need any addresses, please contact the Extension office and we will try to assist you.

Thank you to Lauri Handy for planning and chaperoning the Junior Trip this year. Several junior members traveled to Bismarck to the water park on August 17th. The weather was perfect and the kids enjoyed a great day before heading back to school for the year.

Something that is new in Richland County this year is the 4-Health program. This healthy living information program is a research project and educational outreach program developed by Extension Specialists and Faculty at MSU, and offered by MSU Extension Agents in rural counties throughout the state. The program is a parent-centered healthy lifestyles information program that will engage 4-H parents of 8-12 year olds on topics including nutrition, physical activity, positive body image, and effective parenting practices. The main goal of the program is to change the behaviors of parents and children in order to promote health and well-being while reducing the risk of chronic diseases. We are very excited to be offering this program and are only able to accept the first ten families that sign up. Please call the Extension Office by September 15th for more information and to sign up. I would like to encourage you all to participate.

This newsletter is full of information about upcoming 4-H events and activities. Please be sure to read the entire newsletter so you are aware of what's happening in the new 4-H year. I would like to encourage all leaders to take a look at the upcoming state 4-H events. There will be a shooting sports training soon and Leaders Forum is coming up to name a few. If you would like more information on any upcoming 4-H event, please contact the Extension Office.

We hope you are all enjoying being back to school and look forward to seeing you at upcoming 4-H events this fall.

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## 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>Junior Leaders (07)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Melanie Oliver (08)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Kathy Helmuth (10)</b>
<b>Director-</b>	<b>Mary Johnson (11)</b>
<b>Director -</b>	<b>Lacey Nevins (11)</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 (2010-2011) and plan to continue it next year (2011-2012). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on October 30th. Please be present to accept your award.

**Applications are due in the Extension Office by October 14th**

## 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 September 30th and December 1st.

## Alberta 4-H Leaders Conference

Plans are underway for the 70th Annual Alberta 4-H Leaders' Conference 2012. Once again, Montana 4-H has been invited to send up to 8 adult volunteer delegates to attend the conference. Applicants must be a leader enrolled in a Montana county during the prior 4-H year. Priority consideration will be given to applicants: who have not previously attended, from counties who have not sent delegates in the previous two years, and who have served as leaders for 3 or more years (including the current year).

Remaining delegate positions will be selected based on information provide in the application. Application forms are due to the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development by October 15, 2011 (in the center by not postmarked by). Applications will be reviewed and individuals will be notified in late October or early November. Meals, lodging and registration for the Alberta Leaders' Conference will be paid for by the Canadian sponsors. Part of the delegate travel expenses are paid for by the Montana 4-H Council. Delegates will be responsible for some travel expenses to the Conference. For more information contact the Extension Office.



October 2-8, 2011 - is a great time to promote 4-H in your community and encourage others to Join the Revolution of Responsibility!

You can find promotional collateral in the 2011 National 4-H Week toolkit on 4-H.org.

Use these materials to celebrate 4-H'ers by sharing their stories and recognizing their commitment to making positive impact in their communities. This year the focus for National 4-H Week is on the new brand campaign Join the Revolution of Responsibility.

The Revolution of Responsibility is a movement for positive change in every community in America. The campaign illustrates how 4-H youth are breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live.

4-H Week provides an opportunity to celebrate the impact 4-H'ers make and draw more attention to 4-H in your community. During 4-H Week, encourage new youth, volunteers, and supporters to get involved with 4-H and to Join the Revolution of Responsibility by giving their time, energy, or dollars to help 4-H youth make positive change in your community.

An important and exciting aspect of 4-H Week is 4-H National Youth Science Day, on Wednesday, October 5, in which local 4-H'ers and members of the community can become scientists for the day. Showcase your 4-H science programs, and join thousands of youth from all around the nation to complete a single, innovative experiment. Learn more at [www.4-H.org/NYSD](http://www.4-H.org/NYSD).

There's so much to be excited about during this year's National 4-H Week! Use these materials now to plan ahead, share or inspire Revolution of Responsibility stories, engage in the National Science Experiment, and spark enthusiasm about 4-H.

Questions? Contact [4hmarketing@4-H.org](mailto:4hmarketing@4-H.org).

## State Events

### Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

September 23-24, 2011

Bucks T-4 Lodge, Big Sky MT



Join 4-H District 6 for an event you don't want to miss! The early bird registration deadline is fast approaching for Montana 4-H Leadership Forum on September 23-24 at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky. The event will feature keynote speaker Lois Olmstead from Livingston who will have you rolling with laughter and leave you inspired. You'll also take part of the celebration to kickoff the Montana 4-H Centennial, learn about new project areas, attend interactive workshops and network with others across the state. Register by August 26th for a reduced fee of \$90. After that date, the fee increases to \$110. Additionally, special room rates have been set aside at Bucks T4 Lodge. After September 1st the room rates almost double so make reservations and register today! To register and for more information go to [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) and to reserve your room at the lodge call 800-822-4484. See you in Big Sky!

### Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2012

Plan ahead...Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be in Lewistown on March 16-18th. The 2012 theme is "100 Years of Green". Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.



### Ambassador Fall Training

Fall training will be held October 20-22 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 the Extension Office by September 23rd.

### Congress Delegates

Congratulations to our youth who traveled to Montana 4-H Congress and competed amongst the top 4-H individuals across the state. Representing Richland County were the following individuals:

**Demonstration/Illustrated Talk**—Nettie Johnson  
**Quilt Contest** – Clara Jepsen  
**Livestock Judging**—Wyatt Handy, Jared Rosaaen,  
 Erin Oliver, Rachael Oliver  
**Ambassador** – Alexis Dynneson

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.*

### Leaders Meeting November 14th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 14th at the Extension Office 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 Tuesday, October 3rd 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.*

### Fair Lost and Found

The Extension office has gathered a few items that were left behind at the fairgrounds. We have several 4-H project items from the Exhibit Building. Also left at the Food Booth were: glass pie pans, a baking sheet, cake pan, pie carrier, several sweatshirts, a Rau Elementary water bottle, two pairs of sunglasses, a usb cord for a camera and a camo hat. If any of these items are yours, please come to the Extension office and pick them up.

### 4-H Record Books

Record books will be due to the Extension Office September 30th. 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.

### Club Financial Review and Secretary Books



Clubs are required to turn in their financial review and Secretary's book by September 30th. 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.



### Achievement Day

Our Annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation Banquet will be held at the New Extension Office on October 30th. The Badlands Brushpoppers 4-H Club is hosting a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. All families A-I are encouraged to bring a hotdish, J-S salad and T-Z desert

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.

### Fair Book Meeting

There will be a fair book revision meeting on October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please go through the 2011 fair book and look for changes, additions or revisions that should be considered for next year's 4-H fair book.

### Craft Day

Craft Day has been set for November 13th starting at 1:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. 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. **No late entries will be accepted!!** Many of the projects will work for fair exhibits.

### MT Make it With Wool Quilt/Afghan Contest

Again this year, there will be a Make It With Wool Quilt/Afghan Contest held in conjunction with the Montana State Make It With Wool contest in Billings on December 3rd and 4th. Quilters, knitters and crocheters are encouraged to create a work of art for the MIWW Quilt/Afghan contest. The categories are Wall hanging/Table runner; Throw (approximately 56" x 72"); Twin; Queen; King; and Afghan.

**The requirements for the quilts are:**

Quilt top fiber content must be at least 60% wool  
 Batting must be at least 60% wool or 100% cotton  
 Backing must be at least 60% natural fiber (wool, cotton, linen or silk)

Quilt may be constructed by an individual or by a group. Any construction technique or combination may be used (machine and/or hand). Label back with name and address.

**The requirements for the afghans are:**

Yarn must be at least 60% wool. Item can be knitted or crocheted. Label back with name and address.

Pamphlets and Entry Forms are available at the Extension office.

### MT Make it With Wool Contest

It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this Fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect piece of wool fabric. It would be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this Fall and then already have an item finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year. When looking for that perfect fabric remember it needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the MIWW contest. Wool can be purchased at Hancock Fabrics, JoAnn Fabrics, Denver Fabrics (internet site), sewing magazines, Mohair Council of America, or from Jean Harrison, Montana State MIWW Director. It is imperative that you have your wool tested at the Montana Wool Lab. Unfortunately; a lot of wool on the market is being sold at a much higher wool percentage than it actually contains. Therefore, you must send a sample of your wool (5x5-inch square) to Jean Harrison, our Montana MIWW Director, at 615 Highland Avenue, Dillon, MT 59725, along with \$3.00 for each fabric to be tested so the test results can come in before you start sewing.

### N.I.L.E. Judging

This year's dates for the NILE Stock Show and Rodeo are October 19-22, 2011 at MetraPark in Billings. Since these dates are directly on top of the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, this year the NILE Livestock Judging Contest will be held during a new event. The Student Ag Expo (formerly "AG Days") will be held in Billings November 3-5, 2011. The livestock judging contest will be Thursday November 3rd. If anyone is interested in attending the Student Ag Expo (SAE) on the judging team, please call the Extension Office to sign up by September 23rd.

### 4-H Dairy Heifer Award

Steve & Pat Wick have once again offered to award a deserving junior 4-H member with a dairy heifer. This award is an excellent opportunity for a junior 4-H member to start a dairy project for the Richland County Fair. The heifer was born this spring and will be at least 7/8 Swiss.

If you are interested in applying for this award, please write a letter stating why you would like this heifer and what your goals would be for the project.

Send your application to Steve & Pat Wick, 13729 CR 338 Sidney, MT 59270. All letters must be submitted by October 20th and the recipient will be announced at Achievement Night

### 4-H Carcass Results

The carcass results have been entered and the results are enclosed in the newsletter. Congratulations to all!

**Grand Champion Steer of Merit:** Jaycee Searer

**Reserve Champion:** Bryar Lange

**Top Certified Lamb Carcass:** Ryan Lander

**Reserve Carcass:** Riley Lander

**Symbol of Excellence Swine Carcass:** Bode Deming

**Reserve Carcass:** Taryn Hartje



## 2011-12 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



#### October 2011

3 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.  
 2-8 National 4-H Week  
 20-22 Ambassador Fall Training  
 30 Achievement Day

#### November

1-15 Christmas Beef Stick Sale  
 13 4-H Crafts Day, 1 p.m.  
 14 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

#### December

1 Greytak Calendar Sale  
 5 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.  
 TBA Weigh Market Beef Projects

#### January 2012

1 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due  
 3 Leaders Supper  
 12-13 Ag Days  
 30 People Partner Grants Due

#### February

6 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.

#### March

5 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 16-18 Rec Lab  
 30 Project Add/Drop Deadline  
 TBA Speech/Demonstration Day  
 TBA Fruit Sale

#### April

1 All Scholarship Apps Due  
 2 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 TBA Hog and Sheep Weigh Day

#### May

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

#### June

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

#### July

2 Leaders Meeting - 7 p.m.  
 10-13 State 4-H Congress - Bozeman  
 17 Fair Entries Due  
 31 Entry Day

#### August

1-4 Richland County Fair  
 6 Lamb & Hog Carcass Show  
 13 Beef Carcass Show

#### September

4 Leaders Meeting - Elections- 7 p.m.

#### October

1 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 7-13 National 4-H Week

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