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### **Carcass Judging**

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

4-H'ers, Leaders, and Parents,

I would like to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Josie Evenson and I am the new Richland County 4-H and Youth Development Agent. I am originally from Flathead County where I was a 10 year 4-H member and attended college at Montana State University (GO BOBCATS), where I received a Bachelors of Science in Agriculture Education with an emphasis on Extension.

As the 4-H year comes to an end and a new one begins, I am excited about all of the new opportunities for Richland County 4-H and I am honored to be a part of such an incredible program. I look forward to meeting and getting to know all of you, as well as working with you in the future. My door is always open, feel free to stop in and introduce yourself and have a chat.

Hope to see you all soon!



## Club Financials/Secretary Book Due Oct 1

Clubs are required to turn in their financial review and Secretary's book by October 1st for them to be considered in the Club of the Year. A large portion of the Club of the Year points come from these items being turned in. If members have questions on completing your review, 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. 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>Marty Prevost (12)</b>
<b>Vice President-</b>	<b>Melanie Oliver (12)</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>Jolene Baxter (12)</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 (2011-2012) and plan to continue it next year (2012-2013). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on October 14th. Please be present to accept your award.

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

## 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 November 30th.

## Make it with Wool Contest

The Montana Make It With Wool contest is coming up soon! The contest's objectives are: to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarns, encourage personal creativity, recognize creative skills and develop life skills. Make plans now to enter this exciting contest. The District 5 contest will be held in Sidney MT on Thursday October 18. The contest is open to everyone living in District 5. Entry forms and fees are due by October 1. For an entry form or questions please contact Leslie McMullen at 406-569-2020.

## Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

September 28-29, 2012

Holiday Inn Grand, Billings, MT

Join 4-H District 7 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 28-29 at Holiday Inn Grand in Billings. Registrations received by September 14th are \$100 and after that it increases to \$120. All registrations must be received by September 21st. Additionally, special room rates have been set aside at the Holiday Inn Grand. After September 12th the room rates will increase, 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 800-465-4329. See you in Billings!

**JOIN THE  
REVOLUTION  
OF RESPONSIBILITY**

October 7-13, 2012 - is a great time to promote 4-H in your community and encourage others to Join the Revolution of Responsibility!

What is the 4-H Revolution of Responsibility? It's a movement for positive change in every community in America. 4-H youth are a living breathing, culture-changing revolution for doing the right thing, breaking through obstacles and pushing our country forward by making a measurable difference right where they live. That takes uncommon commitment.

**NATIONAL  
4-H WEEK**

## Ambassador Fall Training

Fall training will be held October 18-20 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 24th.

## 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**—Jesse Staffanson  
**Speech** - Alexis Dynneson, Katie Staffanson  
**Quilt Contest** – Clara Jepsen  
**Livestock Judging Team**—Jared Rosaaen, Rachael Oliver, Christian Prevost, and John Helmuth  
**Individual Livestock Judging** - Nettie Johnson and Taylor Searer  
**Ambassador** – Clara Jepsen  
Member-at-Large - Lane Verschoot

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 5th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 5th 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 1st 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 also have several 4-H project items from the Exhibit Building. There are also several pie plates left at the food booth. If any of these items are yours, please come to the Extension office and pick them up.

# Barn Yard Talk

### 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 is 100% 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 5th and the recipient will be announced at Achievement Night.

### Achievement Day

Our Annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Richland County Event Center on October 14th. The Brorson 4-H Club is hosting a potluck dinner at 4:00 p.m. All families A-M are encouraged to bring a salad and N-Z desert.

### Fair Book Meeting

There will be a fair book revision meeting on October 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please go through the 2012 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 10th 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.

### 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:** Riley Kostelecky  
**Reserve Champion:** Jim Topp  
**Top Certified Lamb Carcass:** NA  
**Reserve Carcass:** NA  
**Symbol of Excellence Swine Carcass:** Megan Deming  
**Reserve Carcass:** Clara Jepsen



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

This year's dates for the NILE Stock Show and Rodeo are October 17-20, 2012 at MetraPark in Billings. With the Livestock judging competition behind held October 16th at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in being on the judging team, please call the Extension Office or Laura Schieber to put your name on the list.



## 2012-13 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



### October 2012

1 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.  
 7-13 National 4-H Week  
 18-20 Ambassador Fall Training  
 14 Achievement Day

### November

1-15 Christmas Beef Stick Sale  
 10 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.  
 10 4-H Crafts Day, 1 p.m.  
 5 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

### December

1 Greytak Calendar Sale  
 3 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 7 p.m.  
 8 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.  
 TBA Weigh Market Beef Projects

### January 2013

1 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due  
 7 Leaders Supper  
 10-12 Ag Days  
 TBA Shooting Sports 9 a.m.  
 30 People Partner Grants Due

### February

2 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.  
 4 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.

### March

4 Leaders Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
 9 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.  
 29 Project Add/Drop Deadline  
 TBA Speech/Demonstration Day  
 TBA Fruit Sale

### April

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

### May

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

### June

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

### July

1 Leaders Meeting - 7 p.m.  
 11-14 State 4-H Congress - Bozeman  
 17 Fair Entries Due  
 30 Entry Day  
 31 - August 3 Richland County Fair

### August

6 Lamb & Hog Carcass Show  
 TBA Jr. Trip

### September

3 Leaders Meeting - Elections- 7 p.m.

### October

7 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 7 p.m.  
 6-12 National 4-H Week

Check our site for updates:

<http://msuextension.org/richland/4-H.html>