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Carcass judging results can be found on the website under 4-H → 2013 Carcass Data.



Hello to all Richland County 4-H members, parents and leaders

I want to take this time to thank all of you for making the 2013 Richland County Fair & Rodeo a huge success. Overall, I think that fair was both a fun and educational experience for all involved. I truly appreciate all the help and support from all involved with the 4-H portion of the Fair. So once again Thank you and I look forward to the upcoming year.

-Josie Evenson

All of those who received awards at the Fair:

Just a reminder, please send Thank You Letters to the award sponsors. If you need contact information for the award sponsor, the office can assist you in providing it. It is very important that we continually thank those who support the Richland County 4-H Program.



Club Financials/Secretary Book Due Oct 1

Clubs are required to turn in their financial review and Secretary's book by September 30, 2013, 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 by September 30th. This should give members plenty of time to get them finished and into the 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

FAIR 2013

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

As the new 4-H year begins we are looking for some new council officers. Being an officer is a great way to get involved in the 4-H program. The requirements of being an officer is dependent on the office, however the basic responsibilities require attending both Leaders' meetings and the Executive Council meetings and any special meetings that the Council may call. This year we are looking to fill the office of treasurer. Also, there are two director positions that we will need to vote on. Please contact the office if you are willing or have any other questions.



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 October 15th*. **Pay with just one check for your whole club and complete the 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 (2012-2013) and plan to continue it next year (2013-2014). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on November 10th. 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. **Due September 30th.**

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.



Indoor Judging

Flag Raising

4-H Family

Candid moment

New species

You're never too old...

Annual Pig Board Championship

Interviews

and the winner is!

Strategizing

Phew! That was hard work!

Barn Yard Talk

Livestock Judging

We will be having a livestock judging October 12th with registration at 8:00 and contest at 9:00 a.m. This judging is being held so members have a chance to get one competition in before the N.I.L.E. As information is made available, we will pass it on.

We will no longer be doing the Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock judging held in conjunction with Ag Days due to weather conditions and poor turnout. We will start doing the Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock judging next September or October. We are hopeful this date change will be beneficial to all.

N.I.L.E. Judging

This year's dates for the NILE Stock Show and Rodeo are October 15-19, 2013, at Metra Park in Billings. With the Livestock judging competition being held October 15th at 7:00 a.m. in the Buckaroo Business Arena. 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.



Advanced Youth Market Beef Tour

Every few years a group of Extension Agents put together a tour for 4-H beef members wanting to take a deeper look at the beef industry. The opportunity is being offered again on October 4-5, 2013, in Miles City. It is recommended that youth be 12 years and older. Registration for this event is due September 16, 2013, to the Custer County Extension Office at 1010 Main St, Miles City, MT 59301. There is a \$20 registration fee that includes dinner, lunch and refreshments. Checks should be made to MSU CCEMCC and be included in your registration. Lodging is on your own, however, there is a block of rooms reserved for the "Beef Tour" at the Comfort Inn in Miles City. Please contact the office if you would like any more information or a registration packet.

4-H Carcass Results

The carcass results have been entered and the results are posted on the website. Congratulations to all!

- Grand Champion Steer of Merit:** Ty Handy
- Reserve Champion:** Brielle Gorder
- Top Certified Lamb Carcass:** NA
- Reserve Carcass:** NA
- Symbol of Excellence Swine Carcass:** Taylor Searer
- Reserve Carcass:** Mateya Coffman

State Horse Show

The show will be September 13-15th in Kalispell at the Majestic Valley Arena. We would like to once again congratulate Taylor Fink on her amazing art work that was chosen as this year's logo.



Thank you to our 2012-2013 Richland County 4-H Ambassadors: John Helmuth and Taylor Searer, for a wonderful 4-H year! We look forward to a new and exciting year!



Leaders Meeting November 4th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 4th 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 Monday, October 7th 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 a couple 4-H project items from the Exhibit Building. There is even a show halter found in one of the barns. If any of these items are yours, please come to the Extension office and pick them up.

Youth Officer Training

Richland County 4-H has been chosen as a pilot county for a new 4-H youth officer training curriculum. We will be having a county wide workshop on November 24, 2013, at the Extension Office at 4:00 p.m., this workshop will be great for any youth who are currently serving as officers of their club or are interested in being officers in the future. Please call the office to sign up by November 15th.

Alberta Leaders Conference

Every year Montana is invited to send eight adult Leaders to the Alberta 4-H Leaders Conference. The Conference will be in January of 2014. If you have been a leader for more than three years and have not previously attended the Conference you are eligible to attend. There is an application process to be selected as one of the eight adult leaders. The application is due to the State 4-H Office by October 15, 2013. If you are at all interested please contact the Extension Office and we will provide you with the application or any other information.

Achievement Day

Our Annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Richland County Event Center on November 10th. The Fair View 4-H Club is hosting a potluck dinner at 4:00 p.m. All families A-M are encouraged to bring a desert and N-Z salad.

Craft Day

Craft Day has been set for November 9th 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 1st so we can prepare for this fun day. **No late entries will be accepted!!** Many of the projects will work for fair exhibits.

Ambassador Applications

If there is any one that is interested in being an Ambassador please contact the office for an application. The applications will be due on September 30, 2013. After the applications are turned in we will be setting up interviews for this upcoming year. Being an Ambassador for Richland County is a fun and rewarding experience, but there is also certain responsibilities that come with the position. The requirements of being an Ambassador are outlined on the application.

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 Sunday October 27. The contest is open to everyone living in District 5. Entry forms and fees are due by October 6. For an entry form or questions please contact the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen at 406-569-2020.

Shooting Sports

The first shoot of the new 4-H year will be held Nov 9th at 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center. Please call the office to sign up by Wed. Nov 6th. Remaining dates are listed on the calendar and will be listed again in the November Clover Chatter.

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

September 27-28, 2013
Sleep Inn, Miles City, MT

This year's Leader Forum is going to be held in Miles City on September 27th – 28th. Registrations are due by September 13th. Leaders Forum is open to all 4-H Leaders who would like to attend. The event is a fun weekend filled with workshops on a large variety of topics that Leaders can use to enhance everyone's 4-H experience. Please contact the office a.s.a.p. if you wish to attend.

National 4-H Week

October 6-12, 2013, will be National 4-H week this year. This will be a great time to promote the 4-H program in our community through various ways. Some ideas for showing our 4-H pride are:

- Window Displays
- Handing out promotional flyers at other Community Events.
- Contacting your local T.V. and radio stations to have a short spot on the air.



Ambassador Fall Training

4-H'opoly : It's NOT Just a Game!

When: October 17-19

Where: Crowne Plaza, Billings, Montana

Due to scheduling and contract issues with Fairmont Hotsprings, we were forced to find a new location for our Ambassador Fall Training event.

Fall training is a chance to enhance your leadership skills, share ideas with other ambassadors across the state and get re-energized about 4-H. This training will be an exciting, hands-on experience which will teach you leadership and communication skills needed to be an active county ambassador.

The weekend will also include fun social activities: waterpark, arts and crafts, games, dances, a formal dinner, and entertainment.

Please let the office know if you are interested in attending. Registration deadline is Sept 30th.



Congress Delegates

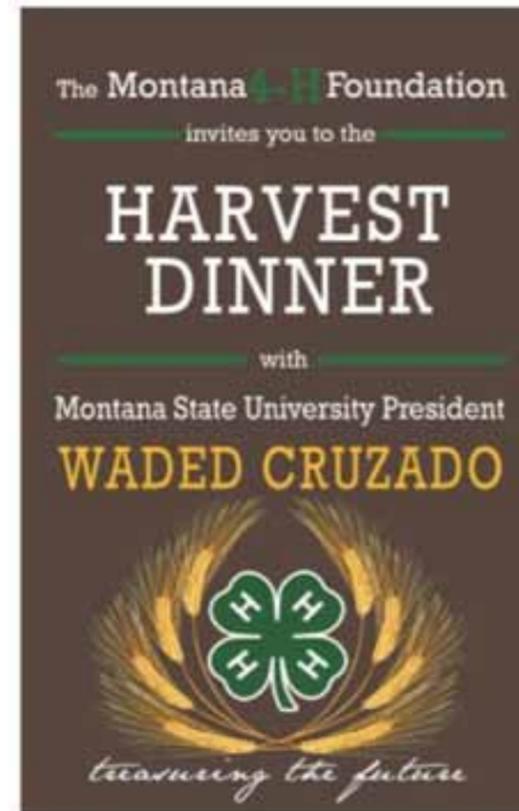
Congratulations to all of Richland County youth who traveled to Bozeman in July to represent Richland County at Montana 4-H Congress. Our County was very well represented. Overall the Livestock team placed third, with Rachael Oliver placing 6th overall, and Tess Ler was 2nd place in the Demonstration and Illustrated talks and will be representing Montana at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia this fall.

Representing Richland County were the following:

- Demonstration/Illustrated Talk-** Tess Ler, Sierra Osborne, and duo John Helmuth and Taylor Searer.
- Quilt Contest-** Clara Jepsen and Ashton Handy
- Livestock Judging Team-** Rachael Oliver, Christian Prevost, Lane Verschoot, and Jared Rosaaen.
- Fashion Revue-** Rachel Prevost
- Ambassadors-** John Helmuth and Taylor Searer

Members are not done when the trip is over. Members are required to do the following items:

1. Give a report to the Council within the calendar year.
2. Conduct a workshop or help with a county wide event.



Friday October 25, 2013
5:30 PM

Historical Baxter Hotel
Bozeman, Montana

DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

Guests will enjoy: dinner by Outback Steakhouse .
Entertainment by MSU Orchestra students . cash bar

Keynote address by MSU
President Waded Cruzado

LIVE & SILENT AUCTIONS

Autographed Bobcat items .
MT Silversmiths . hunting & fishing trips .
Silpada Jewelry . handcrafted quilt . artwork . photo
shoot . metal work . MORE

TICKETS

Available for \$50.00 each from the
MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION
406.994.5911 OR 4hfdn@montana.edu



Attention All 4-H Quilters and Seamstresses

Purchase your fabric at Quilts & More for your 4-H 2013-14 quilt or sewing project and you will be entered to win a brand new Elna Sewing Machine.

Mention this ad when you come in to purchase your fabric to be entered in the drawing during the 2014 Richland County Fair!



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Tuesday-Friday 10-5
Saturday 10-3

