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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 2014 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 (Treasurers Book and Year End Financial Summary) and Secretary's book by September 30, 2014. **This is MANDATORY for all clubs.** Also, the books must be turned in for the Club to be considered for 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 contact us. We will meet with members one on one if needed.

Any club not turning in records, will not receive literature.



Record Books Due

Record books will be due to the Extension Office September 30, 2014. 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.

There are still a few Buyers Plaques at the Extension Office that need to be picked up.

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

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!

President-	Marty Prevost (14)
Vice President-	Heather Nevins (14)
Secretary-	Cherry Colgan(14)
Treasurer-	Patti Searer (13)
Historian-	Junior Leaders (07)
Director-	Jolene Baxter (14)
Director-	Colleen Topp(14)
Director-	Pending
Director -	Lacey Nevins (11)

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

Memorial Grants are available to all 4-H members who wish to continue in a specific project area. To be eligible for a memorial grant a member must have been enrolled in the specific project in the 2013-2014 4-H year and must continue in the project and complete it for the 2014-2015, 4-H year, as well as apply for the grant.

To apply for the grant the 4-H member must write a paragraph explaining: What they enjoy about the project, something they have learned from the project, their project goal for this year and what they will use the grant for.

These grant requests are due to the office on September 30, 2014.

These are a \$25 grant given to the 4-H'ers to help defray expenses on their projects next year. The grants are 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.



Club of the Year

Club of the Year applications are due on September 30, 2014. Please work with your Club Leader to get this form filled out.

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 31st.

Governor's Service Corner



Join Governor Steve Bullock and First Lady Lisa Bullock in their fight against childhood hunger. Up to 15 students will be selected to serve on the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council and receive training to lead a project in school that will address the issue of childhood hunger during Fight Childhood Hunger Week, April 13-19, as part of Global Youth Service Day 2015.

Applicants:

- must be currently enrolled in 6th-12th grade.
- must be able to commit the time to develop service projects in school that address the issue of childhood hunger. Expect to serve up to 5-10 hours the weeks leading up to the project. Applicant must be available the week of April 13-19 for Fight Childhood Hunger Week projects as part of Global Youth Service Day.
- must be able to attend the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council retreat in Helena on Saturday, October 25th. Travel expenses will be reimbursed and hotels will be arranged for those travelling long distances, but applicants are required to arrange travel to and from Helena.
- must have prior leadership experience and be committed to addressing the issue of childhood hunger in the community.
- must be willing to develop goals and work on fulfilling goals to engage other youth in service, fundraise, and increase awareness of the issue of childhood hunger.
- must have access to and be willing to use social media to promote projects

The application can be found online at <http://fight-childhoodhunger.com/>
Due October 3rd



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Presenting...

Montana 4-H Volunteer Excellence Webinars

For the second year, the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is pleased to offer the Montana 4-H Volunteer Excellence Webinar Series. This year there are several guest speakers on a variety of topics. 4-H volunteers, youth and staff can take part in these virtual learning experiences to gain new knowledge and explore concepts to help build a positive youth development environment embracing belonging, mastery, independence and generosity. Webinars can be viewed from any computer with internet access or your County Extension Office may be hosting a viewing.



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- ♦ **Let's Make a Plan! - 4-H Club Strategies for the New 4-H Year**—Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm.
- ♦ **Service Learning: Fostering Better Communities & Young Citizens**—Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 7:30 pm.
- ♦ **So You Are an Ambassador... Now What?** - Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:30 pm
- ♦ **Life Skills at the 4-H Livestock Sale**—Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:30 pm.
- ♦ **Managing Risk: What I Need to Know as a 4-H Volunteer**—Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7:30 pm.

For session descriptions, recordings, registration and more details, go to www.montana4h.org/#program:56

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Leaders Meeting November 3rd

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 3rd 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 6th 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.

Achievement Day

Achievement Day will be October 26th at the Event Center in the afternoon. This year Forever Buds is the club that will be hosting the event. More details will be sent out as the event gets closer.

Youth Officer Training

We will be having a county wide Youth Officer Training workshop on November 13, 2014 at the Extension Office at 6:30 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 7th.

Shooting Sports Meeting

There will be a **mandatory** meeting for anyone who plans to be involved in the Shooting Sports project November 8th at the Extension Office - time TBA. All members and a parent **must attend** this meeting. All paperwork will be filled out, the \$12 fee will be collected and safety rules will be gone over.

The first shoot of the new 4-H year will be held Nov 22nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Event Center. Please call the office to sign up by Wed. Nov 19th. Remaining dates are listed on the calendar and will be listed again in the November Clover Chatter.

Craft Day

Craft Day will be November 8th at the Extension Office. This event is still in the planning stages, but if you would like to attend please call the office and register by October 27th.

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, 2014. 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.

Ambassador Fall Training

Ambassador Fall Training will be in Billings, MT this year on October 16-18th. There will be more information sent out to the Ambassadors as we receive more from the state.

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 19. 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.



Leaders Forum

Join 4-H District 1 to retreat and reconnect on the Shore of Flathead Lake at Montana 4-H Leadership Forum on September 26-27 at the United Methodist Camp near Rollins. Highlights of this year's event include over 25 interactive workshops, local tours and keynote speaker Jep Enck speaking on Balancing Your Life and Humor in Your Life.

Montana 4-H Leaders College will be offered as a pre-conference option from 1:00-5:00 pm on Friday, September 26th at the camp. Level II emphasizes youth/adult partnerships, leadership styles, vibrant youth groups and recognition. It is open to any adult or youth leader interested in learning about positive youth development. If you have questions regarding Leaders' College, please contact Allison Kosto at 994-3099 or Allison.kosto@montana.edu.

Special this year, leadership Forum is being held in conjunction with a shooting sports training and archery qualifier. Details can be found at <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:24>.



National 4-H Week

October 5-11, 2014 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
- Other 4-H displays in your home community
- Handing out promotional flyers at Community Events.
- Contacting your local T.V. and radio stations to have a short spot on the air.

* Remember, if your club has a display of any media, please contact the office so that we can take pictures and judge the display, for best 4-H week display.

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. Our Livestock Team placed 3rd overall with John Helmuth placing in 10th overall, also, Tess Ler made the final round of speech and demonstration.

Representing Richland County were the following:

Demonstration/Illustrated Talk- Rachel Prevost and Tess Ler

Public Speaking- Lane Verschoot

Quilt Contest- Clara Jepsen, Johren Carpenter and Taylor Schepens

Livestock Judging Team- Rachael Oliver, Christian Prevost and John Helmuth.

Ambassadors- John Helmuth, Taylor Searer and Taylor Schepens.

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

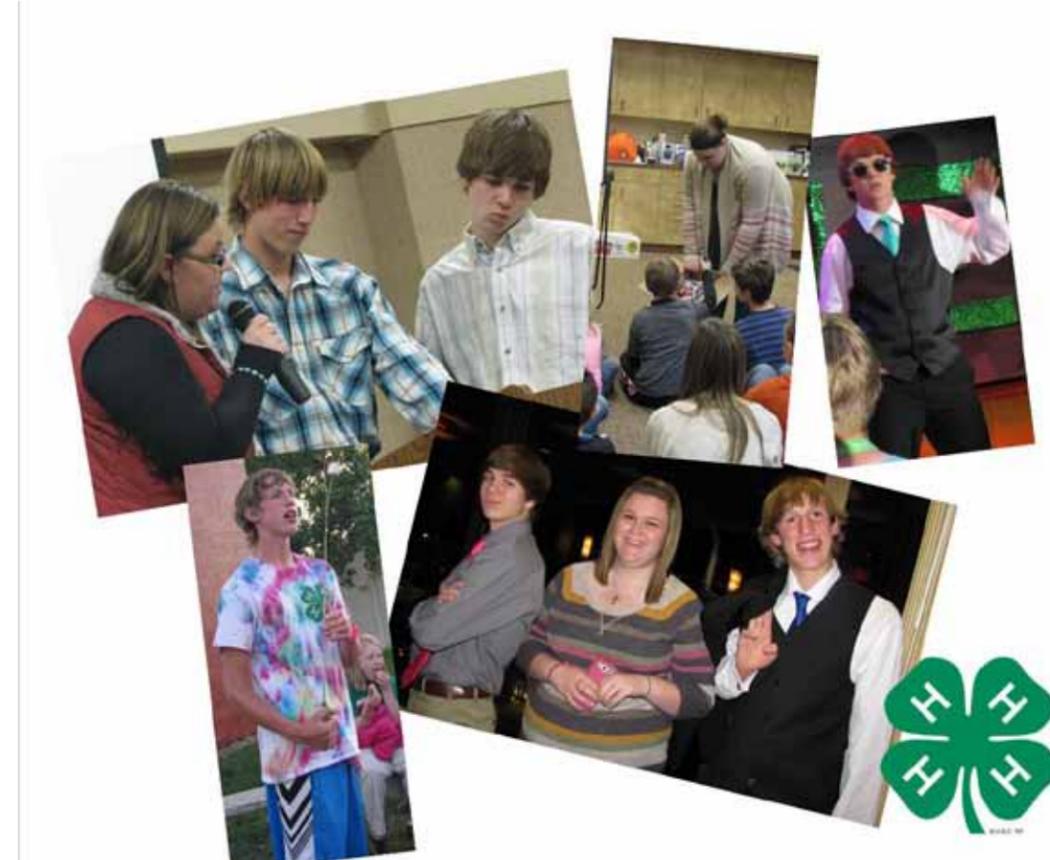
1. Give a report to the Council within the calendar year.
2. Conduct a workshop or help with a county wide event.



Back Row: Taylor Schepens, Rachel Prevost, Lane Verschoot, John Helmuth, Christian Prevost, Taylor Searer
Front Row: Johren Carpenter, Tess Ler, Rachael Oliver, Clara Jepsen

Thank you to the Ambassadors

As this 4-H year comes to a close, I would like to thank the Richland County Ambassadors of this year. They have put in a lot of hard work and have been dedicated to truly making the best better. Thank you to: John Helmuth, Taylor Schepens and Taylor Searer.



Barn Yard Talk

Fall Livestock Judging Practice

Laura Schieber is looking to start some fall livestock judging practices. If you are interested in improving your livestock judging skills, please contact her at 406-482-6317.



N.I.L.E. Judging

This year the N.I.L.E. is set for October 14-18 in Billings, MT. The Livestock Judging Contest is Tuesday October 14th. If you are interested in going to the judging please contact Laura Schieber at 406-482-6317.

Carcass Results

All the data is not in yet for carcass results. These will be announced at Achievement Day. Sorry for the delay.