

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension

Clover Chatter



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Beef & Cheese Stick Sale

At this point in time, the delivery is scheduled for November 30th. The time is TBA. We will be passing on more specific delivery date information as we receive it. Club money is due December 12th. Remember: we need only one check from each club and the check must have 2 signatures.

New Council Officers

We are happy to announce our new officers. Our new council President is Lacey Nevins. Kristin Larson is joining the council as a new director. Thank you to all who are serving on the council.

Cloverbud Day

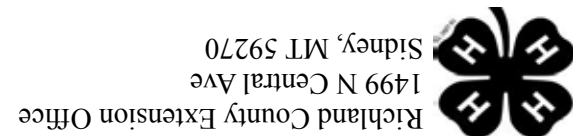
Cloverbud Day is going to be held on January 28th at the Richland County Extension Office. This is a special day for Cloverbuds to learn about 4-H and explore all that 4-H has to offer. There will be special 4-H projects for all Cloverbuds. Time is to be announced. Special Invitations will be sent to all Cloverbud members as the event gets closer.

Greytak Calendars

Back by popular demand, the annual Greytak calendar sale will begin soon. The calendars will be available at local financial institutions and the Extension Office the week of Thanksgiving. The calendars are \$10.00 and are full of one of kind drawings by Don Greytak, and would make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Use of Meeting Room

Due to high use of the meeting room: If you are scheduled for a time that no longer works for you, or you are changing your meeting time or location, you need to contact the office and let us know of the changes. We schedule many different groups and meeting on the same day, according to the time of their use. If you change the time of the meeting or event and do not let the office know, we may have scheduled someone else to use the room at that time.



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Attention: This is your 4-H Newsletter.



Happy Thanksgiving

Executive Council and Livestock Committee
Will hold their meeting on December 5th at the
Richland County Extension Office
beginning at 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Community Service Grants

Several years ago our 4-H Council established Community Service Grants for use by clubs in Richland County. Two \$100 grants and one \$300 grant is available via an application process. Forms can be picked up at the Office and are due back to the Office by January 30th. Selections will be made at February 6th Executive Council Meeting.

This is a great way for clubs to get funding to do something that will give back to the community. There have been many great projects completed in the past. We look forward to seeing what great ideas come forward this year.

All clubs are encouraged to apply!

Winter Carnival

This year the Winter Carnival will be December 29th. The night of fun will begin at 4 p.m. and end at 7p.m. Winter Carnival is open to all 4-H members including Clover Buds and is a night of fun and games. If youth would like to attend they must register by December 21st by calling the Extension Office.

Jr. Leaders

The Jr. Leaders will meet the 3rd Sunday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office. Jr. Leaders is open to 4-H members who are 13 by October 1st of the current 4-H year.

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports for the year will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Event Center. Pre-registration will be due the Wednesday prior to the shoot.

This year's shooting dates:



November 19th
December 3rd
January 21st
February 11th
March 11th
March 25th



Legislative Breakfast

Legislative Breakfast is to be held January 16th-17th in Helena, MT. Legislative Breakfast provides the opportunity to educate Montana Legislators about the work and success of 4-H and MSU Extension. It brings youth and adult constituents from across the state together to share ideas, issues and concerns. The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes and pays for the event through private donations and other support. It is held during the years when the legislature is in session.

If you wish to attend, please contact the Extension Office.

Citizenship Seminar

The 2016 Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar will be held in Helena January 15-17th 2017. This event is designated to educate, inspire, and showcase outstanding Montana youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

This opportunity is open to members who are at least 13 years old as of October 1. Each delegate is expected to sponsor one potential "bill" suitable for the 4-H Legislature to act on. Your bill needs to be uploaded at the time of registration. The state site has a template "How to Write a Bill" available. Please refer to this for any help you need.

Registration is due to the State Office by December 1, 2016. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

Sewing Patterns Available

We will be placing an order for Sewing Patterns on December 1st. Please contact the Extension Office if you're interested in purchasing any. These are Simplicity patterns and at only \$1.00, quite a bargain. These can be viewed at the Simplicity website under classroom & free projects, then to the teacher's kit, and then browse patterns.

Reminder for all Club Secretaries

A copy of monthly minutes from each club meeting are to be turned into the Extension Office. They can be emailed, mailed or dropped off.



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SAVE THE DATE
MONTANA 4-H
STATEWIDE EVENTS

Don't miss all that Montana 4-H has to offer
Contact your county Extension office or visit the
Montana 4-H website to find out how you can
participate in the variety of statewide events
Montana 4-H offers each year. Be a Leader in your
club, community, country and world!



AMBASSADOR FALL TRAINING
 Bozeman
 October 20-22, 2016
(always over MEA weekend)

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
 Helena
 January 16-17, 2017

CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR
 Helena
 January 15-17, 2017

REC LAB
 Miles City
 March 31 - April 2, 2017

APPLY FOR STATE AWARD May 1
SCHOLARSHIPS April 1

PRE-CONGRESS & CONGRESS
 Bozeman
 July 10-12 & 12-15, 2017

LEADERS FORUM
 District 4
 Late September/Early October

WWW.MONTANA4H.ORG



2016-17 RICHLAND COUNTY 4-H CALENDAR



October 2016

2-8 National 4-H Week
 3 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 6 p.m.
 15 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.
 20-22 Ambassador Fall Training
 23 Achievement Day
 TBA Christmas Beef Stick Sale

April

1 All Scholarship Apps Due
 3 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 6 p.m.
 20 (tentative) Hog and Sheep Weigh Day

May

1 Leaders Meeting - 6 p.m.

November

7 Leaders Meeting - 6 p.m.
 TBA 4-H Crafts Day
 19 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.

June

5 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 6 p.m.
 TBA Quilt & Fashion Revue
 27-29 (tentative) 4-H Camp

December

1 Greytak Calendar Sale
 5 Ex. Council/Liv. Committee - 6 p.m.
 3 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.
 29 Weigh Market Beef Projects
 29 MQA 1:00 p.m.

July

3 Fair Entries Due
 3 July Leader's Meeting - 6 p.m.
 10-12 Pre-Congress - Bozeman
 12-15 State 4-H Congress - Bozeman

January 2017

1 Citizenship Washington Apps. Due
 9 Leaders Supper
 21 Shooting Sports 9 a.m.
 29 People Partner Grants Due
 29 Community Service Grants Due

August

1 Entry Day
 2-5 Richland County Fair
 TBA Jr. Trip

February

6 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 6 p.m.
 11 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.

September

5 Leaders Meeting - Elections- 6 p.m.
 29 - Oct. 1 Leaders Forum, Glendive

March

2-3 Ag Days
 6 Leaders Meeting - 6 p.m.
 11 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.
 25 Shooting Sports - 9 a.m.(if needed)
 31 Project Add/Drop Deadline
 31 - April 2 Rec Lab, Miles City
 TBA Speech/Demonstration Day - 2 p.m.
 TBA Fruit Sale

October

1-7 National 4-H Week
 2 Ex. Council/Liv Committee - 6 p.m.
 TBA Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Judging

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

The Leaders' Council would like to invite everyone out to dinner. This year's dinner will be served on Monday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m. We are planning on going to the Ranger Lounge for dinner. This dinner will be served in appreciation for all that Richland County 4-H leaders do. The leaders' meeting will follow dinner. More information will be provided as the event gets closer.

All leaders are encouraged to attend!

Montana 4-H Rec Lab 2016

Save the date... Montana 4-H Rec Lab will be in Miles City March 31-April 2nd. The theme this year is It's a Jungle Out There. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building skills. This event is packed full of fun and education. The event is open to participants ages 13 and up. The planning committee is also looking for both adult and teen presenters for workshops. If interested please contact the office.

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

All market beef must be weighed and tagged on Tuesday, December 29th from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Yellowstone Livestock Yards in Sidney. There will be a brand inspector on site. You must have a Bill of Sale from the Breeder to the exhibitor in order to weigh your animal in. You need to pick up your tags early to help save time on weigh in day. Each animal MUST have a bill of sale unless the brand is registered under the 4-H member's name. Bills of Sale and Livestock Delivery Agreements will be mailed to each member in the Market Beef Project. To be able to weigh in animals, members must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project and have their enrollment forms turned in.

MQA

There will be an Market Quality Assurance or MQA training following Market Beef Weigh In on December 29th. The Training will start at 1:00 p.m. MQA is a training that is **mandatory** every other year, and to all first year members who are enrolled in market livestock projects. This MQA is open to all who need the training, but remember that it will be centered around beef. Please call the office if you have any further questions.

****Check us out on Facebook****

Richland County 4-H has a Facebook page. Be sure to check it out to keep updated. To find us look for **Richland County 4-H**.

Horse Member Meetings

The horse committee and members will be meeting the first Sunday of every month. The meetings will be educational meeting for the members. Lessons that we hope to cover are Trailer safety, arena etiquette, English riding, hoof care, more information on the Colt to Maturity project and much more. These meetings are open to all 4-H members. Please plan on joining us.

Market Beef Care Tips

1. Provide your calf with clean, fresh water at all times. A calf will drink about 8% of its body weight in cold weather.
2. Feed steers about 2.5 pounds dry feed for every 100 pounds of body weight each day.
3. Feed growing cattle about 12-16% crude protein in their diet depending on their weight and growth rate.
4. Check daily for injuries, sickness, unusual things or changes in behavior.
5. Provide shade from sun and protection from wind, snow and rain.

From *Bite into Beef*

Low Line Angus Cattle

If a member is interested in showing low line Angus cattle please contact Carlena Quinn from Glendive. Her number is 406-987-3282.

Check our site for updates:
<http://msuextension.org/richland/4-H.html>

4-H Supporters

Many businesses, organizations and individuals in our community support the 4-H program. Each month we will be listing several of the supporters in the newsletter. We would encourage you to send a thank you or to tell them thank you the next time that you see them or stop in their business. If you would like to submit names for the next Clover Chatter, please contact Josie at the Extension Office.

- Pure Imagination Vinyl
- Quilts and More
- Napa Auto Parts
- Broken Circle Ranch
- Electric Land
- Strauser Trucking
- Reynolds Market
- T&J Farms
- NRG Inc.
- Kraken Oil
- CM Built Doors

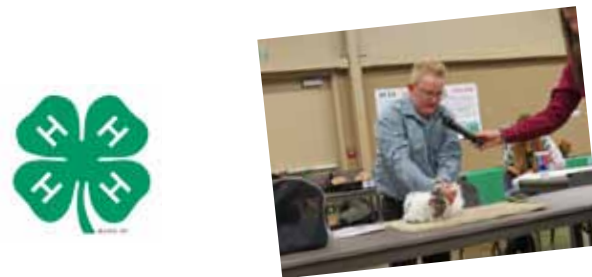
THANK YOU

Calling for Adult Volunteers

After the 4-H External Review that took place last April, we are currently working on many different aspects of the program. We are looking at 4 different areas to improve. The areas are: Committee/Council Structure, Record Books, Rules/Policy and Marketing. Committees have been formed and chairs of each committee have been selected. If you are interested in serving on any committee, please contact the office and we will get you in contact with the chair of the committee. If you have ideas for any committee please volunteer to make these areas in the program better.

Achievement Day 2016

*Thank You
to the Missouri River Ranchers 4-H Club for all the
work they did to make Achievement Day a Success!*



Thank you to Colten Dahl for sharing his cat demonstration with us.



Congrats to Waynette Molloy and Pat Wick for being honored with the Silver Spur Award



Congrats to the Forever Buds 4-H Club for being named the Club of the Year



Congrats to J.J. Hovde and Wendy Becker, this years Friends of 4-H



Montana 4-H Citizenship Opportunities

Citizenship Seminar

When: Every other year (during Legislative years)
Where: Helena, MT
Eligibility: 13-19 year old 4-H members

Highlights: Hands-on, interactive, mock legislative experience plus meetings with state legislators and tours.

Participants must submit a bill with their registration.

Citizenship Washington Focus

When: every June (dates vary, but usually the second week in June)
Where: Washington, D.C.
Eligibility: 15-19 year old 4-H members

Highlights: a week-long citizenship event at the National 4-H Conference Center.

Citizenship Washington Focus – Presidential Inauguration

When: every four years (January)
Where: Washington, D.C.

This is the first year for this event. I'm not sure if they will run it again in four years, but I assume that if it goes well, they will.

Leadership Washington Focus

When: July of every year
Where: Washington, D.C.
Eligibility: 4-H youth entering 7-9th grades

Highlights: a week-long leadership event at the National 4-H Conference Center

National 4-H Conference

When: March of every year
Where: Washington, D.C.
Eligibility: 15-19 year old 4-H members

Highlights: a week-long event at the National 4-H Conference Center where youth participate in round-table discussions on national issues affecting youth. Youth also meet with national leaders to discuss their findings.

Note: This is for four people only, so three youth and one adult chaperone.

International Travel to Japan, South Korea, Finland, Norway, Costa Rica, and Argentina

When: Every year or every other year for some countries, summer
Length: one month
Eligibility: 14-19 year old 4-H members (not in college)

Highlights: stay with a family for about three weeks. Participate in cultural events like 4-H camps, language classes, sightseeing, learn the ins-and-outs of typical family life.

International Hosting

When: every summer for about 3 ½ weeks or for the entire school year
Eligibility: any family (4-H families preferred) with youth within two years of age as the person they host and the same gender.

Highlights: Expose your children to someone from another culture, study a different language, have fun!