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**By-Laws Changes**

There have been three by-law changes in the last two meetings. The by-laws are available at the Extension Office or online. All families received a copy of the by-laws in their hand book, but were current as of 10-1-07. New pages will be sent out in the fall with the rest of the hand-book updates. The changes are as follows:

“Richland Co 4-H Council sponsors and pays for various registration of events for 4-H members. If a 4-H member commits him/herself to an event that is to be paid for by the council, that member will be held accountable for their registration/fees if the member cannot attend” - Passed 11/07

“The members with the top cumulative scores from multi-county 4-H livestock judging competitions attended during the year will be selected as the 4-H Congress Livestock Judging Team. Members of the congress team must attend 50% of the judging clinics held during the 4-H year to attend congress” - Passed 11/07

Remove the clause “Who have a sibling that is currently enrolled as a 4-H member” from the little buds statement and to change the name from “Little Buds” to “Clover Buds” - Passed 01/08

**Exec/Livestock Meeting set for February 4th**

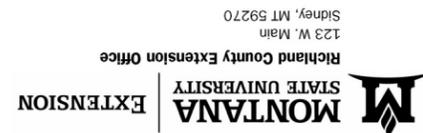
The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for February 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. The Community Service Grants will be decided on at this meeting.

The Livestock Committee will meet following the Executive Meeting at 7:30 p.m. It is very important that we have a good representation of families who have members with livestock projects! The judge for the upcoming fair will be selected at that time.

**Rec Lab - Billings, MT**

Montana 4-H Rec Lab is scheduled for April 4-6 at Metra Park in Billings, MT. Rec Lab is to provide an opportunity to 4-H members, 13 years of age and older, to develop skills and confidence in the use of recreation education as a vital process in youth development. Hands-on workshops in a variety of areas are designed to teach skills in the area of recreation and to expand the recreational leadership experience.

If you are interested, call the Extension Office by February 1. If there is enough interest we can set up a bus. It is \$80 per participant which includes lodging at the Holiday Inn Express in Billings, meals, and program fees. Registrations are available at the Extension Office or interactive web forms are available at www.montana4h.org and need to be turned into the Extension Office by March 10th.



## 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 are available via application process. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due to the office by February 1st.

## People Partner Grants

The People Partner Grants are available from the 4-H Foundation for clubs pursuing community service projects. The grants are awarded via an application process and the amount of money available is determined by the number and types of projects approved. Forms and examples of past projects are available in the club boxes at the Extension Office. There is a very short time frame for getting them completed, as they need to be postmarked no later than February 1st. Please drop them off at the Extension Office prior to that time

## Leaders Supper Thank You

A big thank you goes out to Kathy, Pat, Patti, Marty, and Hannah for helping with the Leaders supper meal. Thank you so much! It is very much appreciated.

## State Shoot

The State Shooting Sports Shoot has been scheduled for February 29, March 1 and 2 in Bozeman. Members interested need to be at the January shoot or contact the Extension Office

## Shooting Sports, January 19th

Our next shooting sports events are set for Saturday, January 19th and February 9th at the West Side School Gym from 9-11. Please remember to pre-register by the Wednesday before the shoot. It is very important that you pre-register as it takes a good deal of preparation for each shoot to prepare targets. We have had some great turnouts in the Jr. and Int. division the last few shoots.

## Attention Horse Members!

There will be a meeting of the horse kids and parents on Saturday the 19th at 1:00 p.m. at the library basement. Please bring your manuals, purple county book, and your record book. The level 7 members will be there to help with all of these things. There will also be a presentation on cleaning tack. We will have a meeting in February and March so try to make all three meetings and your record books and manuals will be done before fair time! See you there!

-Waynette Molloy

## Leather Cleaning Workshop

Joyce Wick is holding a leather cleaning workshop in conjunction with the horse members enrolled in the horse project or any one that is interested. It will be held on January 19 at the Library Basement at 1:00. If you plan to attend please bring:

- Drop cloth or small tarp
- lexol
- old tooth brush or small scrub brush
- saddle soap or glycerin soap
- 2 or 3 rags or sponges
- 1 gallon pail
- and a leather article to clean, preferably a saddle.

If you have any questions call 798-3620 and ask for Joyce.

## Sew Much Fun Workshop

A sewing workshop will be held Saturday, January 19 at the Crestwood Inn dining room from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Use the door opposite of the Jr. High. The project we will be making is a Back Sak. General sewing supplies and a sewing machine are needed. Please bring a rotary cutter, ruler, and mat if you have one. The supplies needed for this project are:

- 1/2 yard screen fabric - this is a plastic window screen material that comes in many colors, available at local quilt or fabric store
- 1/2 yard of cotton fabric to coordinate with the screen
- 4 yards of 1/4" cording
- Thread to match your cotton fabric

Please sign up through the Extension Office by the 18th.

## Feed Yard Talk

### Dairy Judging

Greenway Dairy is holding a dairy judging on January 19th at 10:00 am. All livestock and dairy members are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Melanie Oliver.

### Breeding Sheep Members

Sandie and Melanie have organized a time when members can have their breeding ewes sheared before lambing on February 2nd at 10:00 a.m. Ewes can be sheared at Jepsen's for about \$5/hd. If you plan to bring your animals you **must** call Sandie at 798-3866

## Livestock Judging Practice

All members are invited to attend livestock judging practices. They are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month in Sidney. There are also clinics being held in the Charley Creek area on an as scheduled basis.

## MQA Class

There is an MQA class tentative set for Saturday, February 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at Handy's Feedlot. This will be a hands-on class that will teach the essentials of livestock production. Topics covered will include proper shots, bunk management and health. Members will see a feedlot in operation along. A second class will be offered on March 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the Library basement. These will be the **ONLY** classes available this year. This class is required every 2 years for members to sell at the fair.

## Livestock Judging Opportunities

A livestock practice was held in late December for members to prepare for the Ag Days Livestock Judging. The top placing for the event went to Top Junior Reasons- Hanna Jepsen, Top Senior Reasons - Levi Helmuth, Top Junior Judge- Hanna Jepsen, and Top Senior Judge- Levi Helmuth.

The Ag Days Judging Contest will be held on January 12 at the Gartner~Denowh Angus Ranch. Members must register the day of at St. Matthews Center between 7:30 am and 8:30 am. The Ag Days Livestock Judging Team was decided from the December clinic and is as follows; Jr. Team: Hanna Jepsen, Clara Jepsen, Jaycee Searer and Alexis Dynneson, Sr. Team: Levi Helmuth, Wyatt Handy, Wacey McMillen, and Kayleen Searer. This contest will go towards the congress team. All other members need to register as an individual or come up with your own team

## Up Coming Judging Contests

Ag Days - January 12  
Redland (Hysham) - March 15

DSU - February 2  
District 4 - April 20

No Winter Fair Contest.

As of right now these contests will determine the State Congress team.

## Scrapbook/Historian Position

The Council is in search for a historian. Please come to the March Leaders meeting with your nominations.

## Fair Interview Judging

Discussion has been started in moving to an interview judging format for this years fair. The March meeting will include more discussion and possible decision. Please attend this one!!

## Ambassador Team Happenings

Richland County is fortunate to have a very active Ambassador Team the last few years. Our team includes: Sr. Ambassador-Sara Mc-Millen, Jr. Ambassador-Katelyn Dynneson, and Key Leader-Tammy Dynneson. The Ambassador Team meets monthly at Footers. Any 4-H member can attend and learn more about what they do. We cover what they have done in the past month and the plans for the next month. Some of the activities include: working with the Boys & Girls Club, county community service workshops and club workshops. If any member is interested in the Ambassador Program, please feel free to contact a member of the team. Great Job Team!

## Speech Committee Meeting

Speech Day is just around the corner. The committee for speech day will be meeting on February 7th at 3:30 pm at the Bean Bag. I will be sending a reminder to those who have signed up, but we do need more to help.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for members ages 15-19. The trip provides opportunities such as looking behind the scenes in our nation's capital, and meeting senators and representatives, listening to motivational speakers, workshops and attend assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The date of the trip is June 8-14 and the approximate cost is \$1500 per member. This will cover registration, airfare and transport/programming. The Susan K. Dufner Scholarship awards \$750 to help with expenses. If you would like an application (must be postmarked by Feb. 1st) please stop by the office and I would be more than happy to help you out with this.

## Dates to Remember

Ag Days _____	January 11, 12
Shooting Sports _____	January 19
	February 9
Sewing Workshop _____	January 19
Horse Member Meeting _____	January 19
Dairy Judging _____	January 19
Office Closed _____	January 21
Grant Applications Due _____	February 1
Rough Rider Livestock Judging _____	February 2
Exec Meeting/Livestock Meeting 6:30/7:30 _____	February 4
Office Closed _____	February 18
Livestock Judging Practice ____ 2nd & 4th Thursday	
MQA _____	February 23
	March 10

## Valley View Food Drive

The challenge food drive will end at the end of January. There's still plenty of time to gather items. There has already been a lot of food collected, thanks to all the clubs and keep up the good work during the month!



## Jr. Leaders Meeting

The 4-H Junior Leaders will meet Sunday, January 13 at 5:30 p.m. at the Library Basement. We will be planning a community service activity with the residents of Crestwood planning future projects.

## Family Handbook

A family 4-H handbook has been compiled for each family. This book will be a great resource for your family. It includes some great information and a place to keep your newsletters. Your book is available through your organizational leader. These books will be updated annually.



Ben and Joyce at Leaders Training



Group of Members working as a team to move a tennis ball up the stairs-. Workshops presented by Katelyn and Sara

## Beef Stick Report

This years beef stick sale was the best on record. Members sold 16 % more product this year than last. There was over 3,000 boxes of beef and cheese sticks sold. A big thank you goes out to the group of Jr. Leaders that helped out with organizing and to all the families who made it a success through sales.



Shooting Sports



Craft Day



Left to Right-Alexis, Katelyn, Wacey and Katie



Executive Council

