



**Important Reminders**

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**Jr. Leaders**

*Third Sunday of February*

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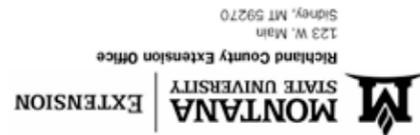
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**Montana Citizenship Seminar**

Montana Citizenship Seminar is a Citizenship-in-Action (CIA) event designed to educate, inspire and showcase outstanding 4-H youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Delegates participate in a “mock” trial, create and debate “bills,” interview elected officials, participate in a service learning project and find out first-hand what it means to be a public servant and representative of the “people.” Citizenship Seminar is held in Helena, the state capital, in the years when the legislature is in session.

Each county may send two delegates who are 14 years of age by October. Because space is limited, delegates may not return a second year unless selected for a leadership role as a return delegate.

Prior to the event, delegates will research and write a “mock” bill, complete a CIA survey and collect service-learning items. Deadline to register is January 23rd to the Extension Office. Please contact us if interested.

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**Exec/Livestock Meeting set for February 2nd**

The next Executive Council meeting is scheduled for February 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. The Community Service Grants will be decided on at this meeting. If you are concerned about the possible changes, please contact the Executive Council.

The Livestock Committee will meet following the Executive Meeting at 8:00 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.

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**Rec Lab - Forsyth, MT**

Montana 4-H Rec Lab is scheduled for March 20-22 at the Forsyth Elementary and Middle Schools in Forsyth, 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. This year’s theme is “Take the Green Challenge.”

If you are interested, call the Extension Office by February 1.

## By-Laws Changes

**Clover Buds:** “Record books kept by these members are for their use and can be turned in for judging. Clover Buds will be allowed to display carry caged animal projects (rabbit and chicken).

**Regular 4-H Clubs:** “Secretary Book and treasury information is required to be turned in by November 1st.”

**Committee Structure:** “Membership on all committees is open to any adult volunteer and Jr Leader.”

**Fund Raising:** “Individual committees and Clubs, within the Leaders Council, wishing to raise funds for a specific purpose outside of their club, may only do so with the approval of the Leaders Council, with accounting turned into 4-H Office”

Beef and Cheese Stick and Fruit Sale award money goes to the top five families and top five individual salesmen and Top Club.

**Guidelines for Chaperons:** “4-H state sponsored event approved by the Richland County 4-H Council will be paid map mileage using the most direct route, plus reasonable in-town mileage. Mileage will be reimbursed at state mileage rates, up to \$200 per member, but cannot exceed mileage rate. Car pooling is encouraged”

**Congress:** “One Junior and One Senior Ambassador are eligible to attend State Congress in an ambassador position. They may also go in a competitive event if they so choose. If they choose to go only as an ambassador, they must compete in at least one competitive county-wide event in addition to the above guidelines. If attending Congress as the Ambassador, they will be required to attend Pre Congress.”

**Fair:** “The 4-H Livestock/Horse/Dairy Committees select their judges. Any adult leader or Jr Leader who is interested is encouraged to serve on these committees.”

*The entire By Laws Document can be picked up at the Office.*

### Leaders Supper Thank You

A big thank you goes out to the Executive Council for helping with the Leaders supper meal. Thank you so much! It is very much appreciated.

### State Shoot

This year’s dates are March 6-8, 2009. Registration forms and further information will be available in mid January from the Office.

### Shooting Sports, January 17th

Our next shooting sports events are set for Saturday, January 17th and February 14th 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.

### 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

## Feed Yard Talk

### Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum

The Montana 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum will be held February 28 – March 1 at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. The 4-H leaders of Carbon County have graciously agreed to host this year’s Forum and have put together a great list of workshops that are about 50% horse related and 50% livestock related. Horse topics include-horse nutrition, helmet safety, saddle fitting, horse careers, horse show management, bridling/bits, horse massage, equine management, horse camp, packing, judging teams, the horse leg, and halters. Livestock classes include carcass merit programs, swine selection and management, livestock quality assurance, meat goats/sheep, livestock nutrition, fair organization, record sheets, and biosecurity at the fair. Please note that a few minor changes in workshop offerings may occur. If interested in attending, contact the Extension Office by Feb 1.

### MQA Class

An MQA Class will be scheduled for April for those who did not make it to Dynnesons Feedlot for the last class. Information for the next class will be in the March Clover Chatter. This will be a hands-on class that will teach the essentials of livestock production. This class is required every 2 years for members to sell at the fair.

### What should I be feeding my steer????

A steer should be receiving roughly 1.5 % of their body weight as rolled corn or barley. A 60% mixture of corn with barley will provide the safest source of concentrate. Although a barley ration is acceptable, it has a tendency of causing bloat if over consumed. Along with the grain, a steer should receive a good protein source containing a mineral package to meet the animals needs. Along with grain and a protein supplement, a steer needs to receive free choice hay of good quality. If an animal is not consuming all their grain, one may want to look at the amount of hay that is being consumed and limit it.

100 days prior to the fair the ration needs to be 2% of the body weight. One can add a source of fat such as corn oil to add a gloss to the hair coat. Below is a chart to see how much your animal should be receiving at 1.5% BW and 2.0%.

	Weight	500	550	600	650	700	750	800	850	900	950	1000
LB of Grain @ 1.5%	7.5	8.25	9	9.75	10.5	11.25	12	12.75	13.5	14.25	15	
LB of Grain @ 2.0%	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	

Remember, your calf will need to be finished prior to fair. Between the stress of halter breaking the animal and the heat, it is safe to say a steer needs to be “finished” by early July. And always remember, small increments of adding grain to the ration. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

### Selecting a Market Lamb

When selecting your market lamb you want to look for a lamb that shows signs of strong muscling through its loin area (the space from the last rib to the lamb’s flank). In addition to having a strong loin the ideal market lamb will also have well developed hind quarters. The most valuable cuts of meat come from the hind quarters and loin. Market lambs have to be structurally proper. At three-months-old the lamb should have a well-balanced skeletal system. Avoid lambs that have obvious conformation fault. An ideal weight for a market lamb is 125 pounds, so you can count back about .55 to .75lb per day (depending on your feeding program) from the fair to figure out what weight of lamb you should be at weigh in. The common range of weight is mid 60# to mid 70#, depending on frame.

**Selecting a Market Hog** - Check next month’s Clover Chatter.

## Sew Much Fun Workshop

We will be finishing one project and starting a new one! Everyone is welcome – even if they were not at the last workshop.

The next sewing workshop will be held Saturday, January 17th in the Library Basement. Please register by Wednesday, January 14th.

We will continue to work on the pajama pants from 12:30 to 2:00. If you are new to this class and want to make pajama pants – call Leslie.

From 2:00 – 4:00 we will be making a fun and funky pillowcase.

Fabric supplies needed:

3/4 yard fabric for main piece of the pillowcase

3/8 yard for the pillowcase band

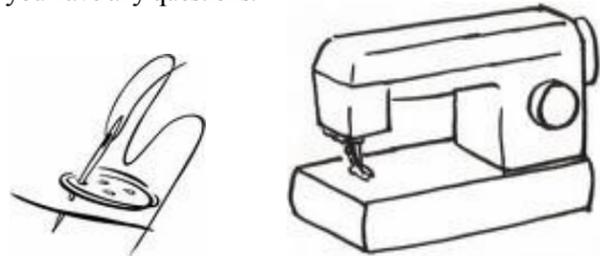
1/8 yd for the trim contrast band.

Sewing supplies:

Rotary cutter, mat & ruler – if you have one. I will bring one to use also.

Sewing machine, thread & general sewing supplies.

The February class will be held Saturday, Feb 14th in the Library basement. We will work on the sweatshirt hoodie project at that meeting. An adult helper is needed to accompany the 4-H member. Contact Leslie at 406-569-2020 if you have any questions.



## 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, 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 7-13 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 9 & 10
Shooting Sports	January 17
	February 14
Sewing Workshop	January 17
Office Closed	January 19
Grant Applications Due	February 2
Rough Rider Livestock Judging	February 7
Exec Meeting/Livestock Meeting 7:00/8:00	February 2
Office Closed	February 16

## Stamping Workshop

A stamping workshop conducted by Terri Zadow will be held Thursday, January 22nd from 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the Library basement. Sign up will be by Wednesday, January 21st. The basics of stamping will be covered in this workshop. Participants are asked to bring white or very light card stock and background and texture paper of your choice. We will be stamping cards. If you have your own stamps, ink pads & markers, please bring them. Terri will also bring stamps and ink for use during the workshop. Several workshops are planned through the year if there is an interest. Call Terri if you have questions at 488-4293.

## Speech Committee Meeting

Speech Day is just around the corner. The committee for speech day will be meeting on February 5th 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.

## 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.

## Fair Eligibility Requirement Change

Over the past few months there has been a great deal of emphasis put of records and record keeping for 4-H members. Members now have a guide to turning in a completed record book. This page guide will come along with your literature you have or will shortly be receiving. There will be a final vote on a by-laws change at the March Meeting that will require members to turn in a complete record book to show at the fair.

***“Completed record books, as per 4-H record sheet, are required to attend the next year’s state and council sponsored events including the fair.”***

This will not affect this years fair, but will for next year. 15 minutes at each meeting will more than get a book completed. A sample book is being put together for all members to look at.

## Beef Stick Report

This years beef stick sale was down from last years record setting year. There was right at 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.



## Food Booth Changes

The change in the way the food booth is staffed is being recommended to change from individual sign up to sign up by Clubs per shift. This is being recommended due to the fact that not enough of the individual families are signing up for shifts, thus leaving many shortages in the schedule. It is suggested that the shifts be filled alphabetically, with the 2 clubs that have to work 2 shifts, being allowed to be pick one of their shifts first. This allows for a fair way for all clubs to be assigned a shift. If a club gets a shift that they feel they cannot work, it will be THEIR responsibility to trade with another club.

Prior to 2005, this is how the food booth was ran. There may be an event at the fair you will miss but you, as a member of the 4-H program, are obligated to help. For those families that cannot make it to their club assigned shift, the club will be responsible to make the switch. Individual sign up did not work! This was a great opportunity, but was severely abused by some.

### Proposed Schedule

Wed	1-5	5-10
Thursday	6:30-11:30	11:30-4:30 4:30 10:00
Friday	6:30-11:30	11:30-4:30 4:30 10:00
Saturday	6:30-11:30	11:30-4:30 4:30 10:00

The number of people needed to run a shift is approximately 12 – 15 people:

### INSIDE THE BOOTH

- 1 person to run the grill
- 1 –2 people to run the front counter
- 1 person to fill beverages
- 1 –2 people to do chicken wraps & baked potato /scrambled eggs & biscuits & gravy
- 1-2 people to do pies /1 caramel rolls
- 1 extra person to fill in as needed

### OUTSIDE THE BOOTH

- 1-2 people at the front order counter
- 3-4 people to be runners