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Dear 4-H Clubs,

Please take a picture of your club members to go into the County Scrapbook. Please list on a separate piece of paper the number of members, names and leaders in the club. Also include any events your club is involved in that you would like to be in the County Scrapbook. All pictures with pertinent information need to be dropped off at the Extension Office or you may drop them off at Superpumper ATTN: Pam. Please get the club pictures to us as soon as possible.

Thank You,

**Pam Henson
 4-H Historian**



Congratulations to Amy Redman for being elected as the District Representative to the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. Amy will be providing youth guidance to the Montana 4-H Program.



Congratulations!!!



Community Service Sewing

A sewing workshop will be held on December 9th from 1-5. Participants will be making pajama pants & shirts to donate to the Christmas Coalition. Participants can bring 1.5 yards of fabric and a matching T-shirt. For more information on the workshop, please call Sara McMillen

4-H Project Material

Soon we will be in the process of filling club material requests. We are waiting till we have all enrollments in to order the material. This will put a stop to the year long traffic of looking for manuals. If you did not circle the literature needed, you will not get that material. Once it is handed out, members are expected to keep track of their book. Material will be ordered at the expense of the individual after that time. We are still waiting on clubs to turn in their enrollments. Enrollments were due November 1st.



Craft Day

Just as a reminder our annual 4-H Craft Day is scheduled for Saturday November 11 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Rau School. A wide variety of craft ideas will be available for those who attend. Preregistration is required by November 8th at the Extension Office. This is a great chance for new members to come and meet people and get involved. It is a free activity open to all members.

Have any old jeans lying around?

We are looking for jean pockets with at least an inch cut around them for a craft day project! Please bring them into the extension office! If you have any questions call 433-1206

Beef Stick Sale

The 2006 Beef Stick sale is now on the way. The sale will go till November 20th, at which time each family will need to report to their organizational leader with the total. Orders are then due to the Extension Office on November 20th by noon. The leaders will need to turn in the totals for each family to help with beef stick pick-up on December 2nd. We do need a couple of helpers for the delivery at 7 a.m. There is literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted. Beef Stick can be picked up from 10-12 a.m. at Wade & Hannah's House located at 622 2nd St. SE. Please go to the garage on 7th Ave.

Money is due to the office by December 15th. Each club must turn in one check, no individual checks will be accepted. As with the fruit sale, all extra boxes will be purchased when you request them.

Sewing Patterns Available

The Simplicity Sewing Pattern and McCall Pattern are available in the Extension Office. Please come in and order yours today! The deadline for the Simplicity order is December 14th and January 4th for the McCall Pattern. There will be a class held in February or March using these patterns! If you have questions call Leslie McMillen or the Extension Office at 433-1206.

Community Service Grants

Several years ago our 4-H Council established Community Service Grants for use by clubs in Richland County. Two \$100 grants are available via an application process. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due back at the office by February 1st. Selections will be made at the February 5th Executive Council Meeting. This is a great way for clubs to appropriate funding to do some type of project to give back to the community. There have been some great projects in the past years and we look forward to seeing what great things the clubs are planning for the up coming year.

All clubs are encouraged to apply!

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year November 11th from 9-12 p.m. This year looks to be a great year for the shooting sports program! Members will have new guns and bows to shoot thanks to donations in memory of Ted Goss and Jeremy Gorder.

Dates for Shooting Sports:

November 11	December 9
January 20	February 10
March 10	April 8



As many of you know the state has changed the lower age requirement for shooting sports because some counties were allowing Cloverbuds to shoot, even at the state contest. As communications from Carolyn Nistler indicates, a youth MUST be 9 by October 1st to participate in the shooting sports project. Like other projects such as Colt to Maturity and even 4-H Congress, we have specified age requirements for participation. We have made this decision for safety and liability reasons. We understand that it means that some youth will not be able to participate this year who may have participated before. However, we feel that this is the right decision to ensure that Cloverbud-age youth are not shooting in state, regional, or even county events.

Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a 4-H Leadership Program for high school youth, ages 15-19, from across the country. As a participant you will look behind the scenes in our nations capitol, listen to motivational speakers and attend workshops and assemblies that increase individual commitment to citizen involvement. The trip dates are June 10-16 and the estimated cost is \$1500-1700. There is a scholarship available for one delegate through the state (apply for the Susan K Dufner award). All applications and full registration fee are due January 31st to the Extension Office.

The Leaders Dinner Meeting

The Annual Leaders Dinner Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Basement. Please RSVP by December 29th. We cordially invite all leaders to come and see what the council is all about and get involved.

Executive Council and Livestock Committee will hold their meeting on December 4th at the Richland County Extension Office beginning at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

We invite anyone interested in the livestock project to attend!

Barn Yard Talk

Beef Weigh-In

The 2006-07 beef project will start off Saturday December 30th with weigh in at Sidney Market Livestock Center from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. **All Steers must be weighed at this facility**

You may pick up your tags early to save time on weigh day. Each animal **MUST** have a bill of sale at weigh in unless the brand is registered under the 4-H members name. If the animal is owned by a parent, there will be Bills of Sales available to be filled out.

To be able to weigh in animals, members must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project and have their enrollment forms turned in.



New Livestock Chairman

At the October Livestock Meeting Randy Searer was elected as the 2006-2007 Livestock Chairman. It was also voted to have four directors work under Randy each heading up one of the following: Beef, Sheep, Hog, and Dairy.

Livestock Judging Clinic

A livestock clinic is planned for December 30th. The clinic will start at 1:00p.m. and will include live judging of beef, swine and sheep. This is a great opportunity for younger members to pick up some judging pointers prior to the Ag Days contest. Some of our recent 4-H graduates will be on hand to conduct the clinic.

Ag Days Livestock Judging

This is an early reminder that the Ag Days Livestock Judging will take place January 13th. This contest will determine the makeup of several teams that will represent Richland County in other judging events during the year.

Horse & Livestock Forum

The 2006 Horse and Livestock Forum has been set for December 8th through the 10th. They have planned many great workshops for leaders.

Leaders need to register by November 15th to the Extension Office. For a complete schedule, stop by the Extension Office or log on to the web at www.richland.org/extension/4h/hlforum