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Dear 4- Members,

We have come to the end of another 4-H year and what a year it has been! I've been enjoying the opportunities I have had to meet with many of the clubs. Things have been changing in the world of 4-H over the last year. I have been working with GPS units and web pages to bring technology to our corner of the world. But it isn't working with technology I have been enjoying the most, it is working with youth and learning just what 4-H is about. What I have learned over the past year is that 4-H is about LEARNING. We need to keep our efforts in education and having fun while learning. The trips, glory and money are nice, but is not our purpose. I'm excited to see new leaders step up and take the challenge of organizing and facilitating programs to promote education.

4-H is still the best thing around, but we are competing for precious time that more and more young people seem to have little of. That's all the more reason why we should be striving to make the best better and keep encouraging others to join. This year we have been seeing a good increase in new enrollments. As new members come to our meetings, we need to keep them fresh and interesting. I have material that can help keep meetings fun and cost very little to do.

I hope that this upcoming year brings you new adventures and that we can serve you to our very best at the Extension Office. We are here to help, so don't be afraid to call or email us.

Sincerely,

Wade Whiteman

Leader's Dinner Meeting

The Annual Leaders Dinner Meeting will be held January, 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Library Basement. Please RSVP by December 30th. We cordially invite all leaders to come and see what the council is all about and get involved.

Exec/Livestock Meeting

Our next Executive Council Meeting will be held on December 5th at the Extension Office. The Livestock Committee meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. We invite anyone interested in the livestock project to attend.

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 a manual. 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 on November 1st. If they are not turned in by November 18th, the clubs will be responsible to purchase their own information.

Fall Time Fun

Craft Day November 11

Just a reminder that our annual 4-H Craft Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 12 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Rau School. A wide variety of craft ideas will be available for those who attend. Pre-registration is required by November 9th at the Extension Office. This is a great chance for new members to come and meet people and become involved.

2005 Beef Stick Sale

The 2005 Beef Stick sale is currently in progress. The sale will go till November 18th, at which time each family will need to report their total sales to their organizational leader. Orders are then due to the Extension Office on October 21st by 12 noon. The leaders will need to turn in the totals for each family to help with the beef stick pick-up on December 3rd. We do need a couple of helpers for the delivery at 7 a.m. There are literally thousands of boxes that need to be sorted. Beef Stick can be picked up from 10-12 a.m. at Wade and Hannah's house.

Good Luck to all the members!

Katrina Disaster Challenge

The Richland Rockets 4-H Club and Leaders Council would like to challenge all other clubs to match the following donation that they are giving to 4-H Clubs in the Katrina affected area. The Richland Rockets are donating approximately \$30 that will be matched by the council. This money will go to displaced 4-H members in the Louisiana area. Checks will be gathered at the Extension Office in Sidney and then one check will be sent to the Louisiana 4-H Foundation. More information on the program can be found at <http://www.lsuagcenter.com/4h/foundation/hurricane.asp>

Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports will be starting the year November 12 from 9-12 p.m. We are still in need of a Leader. 4-H is about being a leader and showing leadership to our members. It is difficult to find time to make it to every event, but finding someone who can dedicate their time to this project would sure benefit the kids wanting to take part in this opportunity. Duties of a Shooting Sports Leader are as follows:

1. Sight in guns the week prior to the shoot.
2. Organize, setup and clean up on shoot day
3. Pick up key from the school the week prior

There is a great group of leaders that are more than willing to help out. Having a Leader for organization is the key to a great program. If you are interested you can call the Extension Office.

Jr. Leaders Christmas Party

The Jr. Leaders will be having their Christmas Party on December 4th at the Koch's house. There will be a \$10 universal gift exchange. This will be a great time for members that are interested to see what Jr. Leaders are about and have some fun. Contact Carolyn Koch for more details.

Sewing Workshops

Sara McMillen will present a series of 3 classes for seamstresses. These will be geared for the beginner sewer, but all levels are welcome. The first class will be on December 10th at the Library Basement from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The first Project will be an apron.-be creative when picking fabric. Please register by December 7th and all participants must be accompanied by an adult helper. Go to <http://www.richland.org/extension/4-h> for more details on this great workshop or call Leslie at 798-7710.

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 application process. Forms can be picked up at the Extension Office and are due back to the office by February 3, 2006. Selections will be made at the February 6th Executive Council Meeting. This is a great way for clubs to appropriate funding to do an activity or some type of project to give back to the community. There have been some great projects in the past years and we can look forward to seeing what great things the clubs are planning for the up coming year.

All clubs are encouraged to apply!

Citizenship Washington Focus

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, be able to 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 11-16 and the estimated cost is \$1500-\$1700. There is a scholarship available for one delegate throughout the state (apply for the Susna K Dufner award). All applications and full registration fees are due January 25th to the Extension Office.

Feed Yard Talk

Beef Weigh Day December 11

The 2005-2006 beef project will start off Sunday, December 11th with weigh-in at Sidney Market Livestock Center from 10-12 p.m. ALL STEERS MUST BE WEIGHED AT THIS FACILITY.

You may pick up your tags early to save time on weigh-in 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 copies of Bill 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.

Richland Co. Livestock Clinic

A livestock clinic is being planned for late December. This is a great opportunity for younger members to pick up some judging tips prior to the Ag Days contest on January 14th. 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 14th. This contest will determine the makeup of several teams that will represent Richland County in other judging events during the year. Plan now to attend!

Beef Quiz Brain Teaser

1. What percent of body weight should a steer be finished at on grain the last 30 days?
2. What weight should a medium frame angus steer finishing on August 1 weigh on December 11?
3. What was the original purpose of an ionophore?
4. What causes coccidiosis in cattle? What can be fed to prevent it? How do you treat it?
5. What type of medication is Nuflor?
6. What is produced from the process resulting in corn gluten feed?
7. What compound in water can cause clinical copper deficiencies?

Answers may be submitted to whiteman@montana.edu