

Clover Chatter



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Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Last year we added many new and exciting workshops such as leather craft, cake decorating, and aerospace. A special thank you to the leaders who have stepped up and helped make these projects successful! Looking at the coming year, we will continue with these workshops and would like to hear ideas for more new projects.

So 4-Hers as we start the new year I encourage you to "Step up and Step out"!

Wade Whiteman

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Richland County Agent



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Achievement Day

Our annual 4-H Awards and Appreciation banquet will be held at Lambert Old Gym on November 5th. The Lambert Hi-Liters are hosting a potluck dinner at 1:00 p.m. and all families are encouraged to bring a hot-dish, salad or dessert.

We encourage clubs to set up displays showing the past year's activities. A special award will be given to the best display. There will be 4-H license plates given to two lucky families.

Record Books Due

Record books will be due in the Extension Office October 2nd. This should give members plenty of time to get them finished and into the Extension Office.

In order to be eligible for county awards you need to turn in your record books with a record book evaluation sheet in the front, signed by your Organizational Leader. Books that do not include this form will automatically be disqualified.

Please make sure your permanent records stay in the back of the book while your current records are in the front. Please do your best on your records so you can receive the recognition you deserve.



Project Material

The Montana Clover, outlining projects and supporting materials plus enrollment form were handed out at the September Leader's Meeting. If you have not received your clubs material, please take the time and stop by to pick it up.

Also, please keep in mind that the project material is expensive. We will fill club orders when ALL enrollments are returned to the office as a club. If during the year, members lose or destroy materials — you will be responsible for buying new ones.

All projects can be added or dropped until March 31st, so please consider what you can get done during the course of the year and maintain that load. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office at 433-1206.

4-H Step Up - Step Out

National 4-H Week is October 1-7. As usual, we will do some special media things to promote 4-H in Richland County. This year's theme is "4-H Step up - Step Out"

This year we encourage clubs to "step up and step out" of your comfort zone. Displays can follow the theme by showing how their club have stepped up with new ideas and leadership. Displays can also encourage youth to step up to the challenge of 4-H.

Clubs are encouraged to prepare window displays in our businesses or schools to help with the promotion. If your club will be having a display, let us know by Monday, October 2nd so they can be judged. The best display will receive an award at Achievement Day.

4-H is your organization and you should be proud to let others know it and help promote 4-H in Richland County.

Ambassador Happenings

All Ambassadors need to turn in a Plan of Action to the Extension Office by November 1st. A Plan of Action needs to contain all activities that you plan on conducting in the next year. If you need help with your plans of action, contact Wade and he can help you get started.

If you are interested in becoming a prospective ambassador please contact Wade or Holly

Memorial Awards

In appreciation of 4-H Leaders who have spent many dedicated hours helping youngsters "make the best better" and to promote a continuing interest in 4-H projects, the Richland County 4-H Council is again making available several grants in memory of all leaders who have helped our program.

These will be in form of a \$25 grant given to the 4-H'ers to help defray expenses on their projects next year. The grants will be divided into four general areas.

Home-Ec: Clothing, family life, foods, home environment, child development, and consumer projects.
Animal: Beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, dog, poultry, and rabbit.

General Ag and Mechanics: Vet science, entomology, horticulture, small engine, electricity, bicycle, wood-working and aerospace.

Miscellaneous: Self determined, Junior. Leadership, exploring 4-H, leather, photography, wildlife, etc.

To be eligible for these grants, the 4-Her must be enrolled in the project this year (2005-2006) and plan to continue it next year (2006-2007). You may apply in any area in which you are eligible.

These grants will be awarded at Achievement Day on November 5th. Please be present to accept your award.

Applications are due in the Extension Office by October 16th
Applications will be reviewed by the Award & Record Committee

Record Book Judging

Record book judging will be held on Thursday October 5th at the Library Basement starting at 5:30 p.m.. Pizza and beverages will be supplied! The Executive Council encourages any leaders who desire to help to come and take part in the evaluation process. In addition, each club is asked to have at least one leader present as well.

Many times as leaders we can learn where the weaknesses are in a project so we can then improve the projects for next year, and it starts here!

Leader's Meeting November 6th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 6th at the Library Basement at 7:00 p.m. We encourage any leaders past or present to come and get involved at the meeting. Remember, you can't make changes if your voice isn't heard!

Executive Council and Livestock Committee Will hold their meeting on October 3rd at the Richland County Extension Office beginning at 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

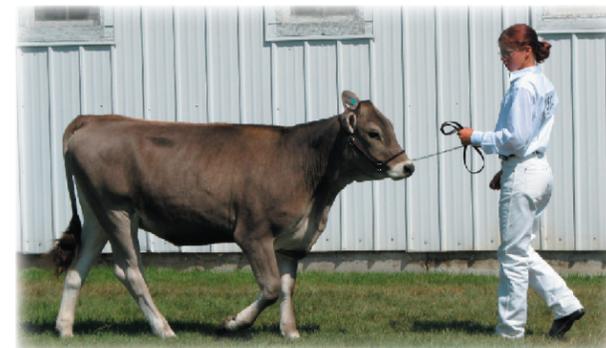
Livestock Committee will be discussing the chairman for the 2006-2007 year.

2006 Leader's Forum

The Montana 4-H Leaders Forum will be held September 29th & 30th. This is open to any leader who would like to attend this fun event. There is going to be a variety of workshops offered for attendees. If you are interested in attending you can stop by the office and fill out a registration form.

Livestock Meetings

Clubs need to discuss the past ruling that each club will have two votes at livestock meetings. All livestock discussion will be taken to club meetings, discussed openly, and voted on if needed clubs need to encourage their youth members to attend meetings. All discussion needs to involve our youth directly. This is their program.



Got Dairy?

Wick Dairy Calf Giveaway

The Wick family is again donating a Swiss cross calf to a Jr Member. The dairy program has been expanding in past years and has become an exciting project. Wick's dairy animals were very competitive this year as was the calf they are donating. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications are due to the Extension Office by October 16th.

Two years ago I did an essay on the Dairy Calf giveaway. A couple months later I got the news that I had won. I was so happy. Iris my cow, is my best friend.

Iris provides milk which I feed to my cats and family. I'm always happy to see Iris. It's also fun to show her and her calf.

It is very easy to apply. Sign up and do a good job on your essay, get your essay and start working on it.

Jesse Staffanson



Dairy Conformation Class

There will be a dairy conformation class for interested members on September 22nd. The time has not been set yet, but if you are interested please call Pat Wick at 798-3620.

Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports Program will begin its first shoot on November 11th. The schedule will remain the same as it has been in the past. Each shoot will take place at West Side Elementary in Sidney. Members who are "Little Buds" through 10 years of age will shoot from 9-10:30 a.m., 11 and up will shoot from 10:30 till noon.

As in the past, it will cost a member \$12 to shoot for the entire year. At each shoot a member attends, they will get \$2 of this money refunded. So if you make every shoot, this program is free to you. Members are required to call the office this year to register for each shoot. **Members will not receive their \$2 otherwise.**

A leader is needed this year to lead the shooting sports program. There is a great network of leaders that run the program, but no Leader. The Extension Office will be taking care of the paper work and registration. The guns no longer have a home or someone to sight them in before the shoot. There are some great opportunities in the shooting sport area in 4-H and it would be neat to see someone take it to the next step.

Dates for Shooting Sports:

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



2006 Congress Delegates

It doesn't seem very long ago that we were at Bozeman enjoying all the activities and workshops. It was truly an educational experience. Members are not done when the trip is over. Member are required to do the following items:

1. Give Report to Council within the calendar year. (September or November meeting)
2. Conduct workshop or help with a county wide event.

Member's eligibility for activities depend on completion of requirements.

4-H Council Elected

At the September 4-H Leaders Meeting a new slate of officers were elected to guide our 4-H organization through the next year. Without the time and dedication of our leaders, today's youth would not have the opportunities that they have with the Richland County 4-H!! 4-H would not be what it is without you, we thank you! So let's get the new 4-H year off to a great start and show what "The Power of Youth" really means!!!

President-	Kathy Helmuth
Vice President-	Doug Hall
Secretary-	Lisa Gorder
Treasurer-	Holly Redman
Historian-	Pam Henson
Director-	Dale Vitt (06)
Director-	Pat Wick (06)
Director-	Andrea Davidson (05)
Director -	Carolyn Koch (05)

Craft Day

There will be a craft day planning meeting on September 19th at 5:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Craft Day has been set for November 11th from 1-4 p.m. at Rau School. This was scheduled to follow shooting sports so members can make both of these great activities in one day! There is a great selection of crafts for Jr. members! Please register at the Office by November 9th so we can prepare for this fun day.

Member and Leader Dues

Dues for members are \$3 and \$5 for leaders. Leaders dues go directly to the State Leaders Council, while members' dues stay in the county to help pay for project material expenses sheet. All dues are to be turned in with your club enrollments, which are due November 1st. **PLEASE PAY WITH JUST ONE CHECK FOR YOUR WHOLE CLUB!!!**

Demonstration & Speech Workshop

Demonstration and Speech are the corner stone of developing the courage and ability to speak in public. All clubs are encouraged to take advantage of our Jr Ambassador, Amy Redman's invitation to help members and clubs. A workshop is a great way to add something new to your club meetings! You can contact Amy at 488-7233.

2006 4-H Junior Trip



The 2006 Jr. Trip was to Fort Peck Dam. This year 35 members were able to attend and enjoyed an over night camp out. Members were able to enjoy the days fishing, swimming, cooking and touring local land marks.

Can my child go on this trip??? Of course they can!! Any Jr. member can participate as long as they compete in a county activity (speech day, demo day, Ag Days Livestock judging, or fashion review) and turn in a record book the year before if they are a returning member. So remember this as we start to plan for upcoming activities.

