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Hello to all Richland County 4-H members, parents and leaders

As this 4-H year comes to an end, I want to take this time to thank all of you for your dedication and support of the 4-H program throughout the 4-H year. 4-H in Richland County would not be strong and growing without all of you striving to "Make the Best Better." I especially want to thank all who helped during the Richland County Fair. Though fair is a time of celebration and accomplishment, I believe that there were also many lessons learned during the week. As we move forward to a new 4-H year, let all of us reflect on those lessons learned and continue to grow and accomplish the goals set before us. Thanks once again and I look forward to the upcoming year. - Josie Evenson

All of those who received awards at the Fair:

Just a reminder, please send Thank You Letters to the award sponsors. If you need contact information for the award sponsor, the office can assist you in providing it. It is very important that we continually thank those who support the Richland County 4-H Program.



Club Financials/Secretary Book Due Sept. 30

Clubs are required to turn in their financial review (Treasurers Book and Year End Financial Summary) and Secretary's book by September 30, 2016. **This is MANDATORY for all clubs.** Also, the books must be turned in for the Club to be considered for the Club of the Year. A large portion of the Club of the Year points come from these items being turned in. If members have questions on completing your review, please feel free to contact us. We will meet with members one on one if needed.

Any club not turning in records, will not receive literature.



Record Books Due

Record books will be due to the Extension Office September 30, 2016. This should give members plenty of time to get them finished and into the Extension Office.

In order to show at next year's fair, members are required to turn in a **completed** record book. For details on a completed book, look at the cover page given with your records at the beginning of the year. **In order to be eligible for county awards, you need to turn in your record book with the record book evaluation sheet in the front, signed. 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.

Re-enrollment Material

The Montana Clover, outlining projects and supporting materials plus re-enrollment forms were handed out at the September Leader’s Meeting. If you have not received your paperwork, please take the time to talk to your Club Organizational Leader.

Also, please keep in mind that the project material is expensive. **If you do not indicate materials needed, you will not receive them.** 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 Council

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!

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| President- | Lacey Nevins (16) |
| Vice President- | Heather Nevins (14) |
| Secretary- | Cherry Colgan(14) |
| Treasurer- | Laura Schieber (15) |
| Historian- | Junior Leaders (07) |
| Director- | Kristen Larsen (16) |
| Director- | Colleen Topp(14) |
| Director- | Kelly Deming (14) |
| Director - | Amy Conlin (15) |

Member and Leader Dues

Dues for members are \$3 and \$6 for leaders. Leaders’ dues go directly to the State Leaders Council, while members’ dues stay in the county to help pay for insurance & project material. All dues are to be turned in with your club enrollments, which are due October 19th. **Pay with just one check for your whole club and complete the form that lists all members/leaders and their position, i.e., president, vp, sec.**

Memorial Awards

Memorial Grants are available to all 4-H members who wish to continue in a specific project area. To be eligible for a memorial grant a member must have been enrolled in the specific project in the 2015-2016, 4-H year and must continue in the project and complete it for the 2016-2017, 4-H year, as well as apply for the grant.

To apply for the grant the 4-H member must complete the form which was given to club leaders at the Sept. Leaders meeting or they can be found on the county’s website under “forms.” Please explain: What they enjoy about the project, something they have learned from the project, their project goal for this year and what they will use the grant for.

These grant requests are due to the office on September 30, 2016.

These are a \$25 grant given to the 4-H’ers to help defray expenses on their projects next year. The grants are divided into four general areas.

Home-Ec: Clothing, family life, foods, home environment, child development, and consumer projects.

Animal: Beef, dairy, horse, swine, sheep, goat, dog, cat, 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.

Club of the Year

Club of the Year applications are due on September 30, 2016. Please work with your Club Leader to get this form filled out. We have updated this form, please use the current version. This can also be found online on the county website. We encourage all clubs to participate.

Sewing Patterns

The Office has received Fall/Winter Simplicity patterns that can be purchased. If you’re interested in purchasing some patterns stop by the Extension Office. We will be placing an order October 30th.

FAIR 2016



Barn Yard Talk

Fall Livestock Judging Practice

Laura Schieber is looking to start some fall livestock judging practices. If you are interested in improving your livestock judging skills, please contact her at 406-482-6317.



Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging

KEITH STEINBEISSER MEMORIAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING

October 9, 2016 at 1:00 PM

DYNNESON FEEDLOT

35157 County Road 129 Sidney, MT 59270

This event is sponsored by **MONDAK AG DAYS** and is open to all youth.

Participants register on the day of the contest. Registration will begin at 12:00 p.m. There is NO entry fee for youth participants. There is a \$20 entry fee for adults, 18 and over (adults will not give reasons).



PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- ★ **NOVICE** FIRST OR SECOND (JUNIOR AGE) TIME JUDGING AND UNDER 9 YEARS OF AGE
- ★ **JUNIOR** 9-13 YEARS OLD
- ★ **SENIOR** 14 YEARS OLD AND UP
- ★ **FFA** ALL PARTICIPANTS THAT ARE FFA MEMBERS
- ★ **ADULTS** 18 AND OVER. \$20 ENTRY FEE AND WINNER WILL TAKE THE POT.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Richland County Extension Office
(406) 433-1206
Timothy.fine@montana.edu

* Remember this counts as a County Event for the 2017-2018 4-H Year.

N.I.L.E. Judging

This year the N.I.L.E. is set for October 15-22 in Billings, MT. The Livestock Judging Contest is Monday October 15th. If you are interested in going to the judging please contact Laura Schieber at 406-482-6317.

Carcass Results

All the data is ready and can be picked up at the office. The carcass winners will be announced at Achievement Day.

Rocky Mountain Poultry Assoc. Fall Show

The Rocky Mountain Poultry Association will be holding its Fall Show October 1 in Great Falls. This is a great opportunity for 4-H members to meet with breeders from across the state and offers all the opportunity to expand upon their poultry knowledge. If you have any questions please call Shawna Oostema at 406-580-7819 or email her at fcclashawna@hotmail.com.

Horse Committee Meeting

There will be a horse committee planning meeting on September 21, 2016, at 6 p.m. This will be an adult planning meeting. We will start planning the new year and review the purple book. Please plan on joining us to plan out the best year possible for our horse members.



Leaders Meeting November 7th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 7th at the Extension Office at 6:00 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 Monday, October 3rd at the Extension Office beginning at 6 & 7 p.m.

If you plan to be on the Livestock Committee you need to attend. The Helping Hand Award will be selected.

Achievement Day

Achievement Day will be October 23rd at the Event Center in the afternoon. This year Missouri River Ranchers will be hosting the event. More information will be available as the event gets closer.

At this time, they are asking each club to provide 3 dozen servings of dessert.

Shooting Sports Meeting

There will be a **mandatory** meeting for anyone who plans to be involved in the Shooting Sports project October 15th at the Event Center at 9 a.m. All members and a parent **must attend** this meeting. All paperwork will be filled out, the \$12 fee will be collected and safety rules will be gone over.

The shooting sports dates will be handed out at this time and will also be listed in the November Clover Chatter. If you can't attend this meeting you need to contact the office as soon as possible to make other arrangements.

Craft Day

Craft Day will be held on a Saturday in November at the Extension Office. This event is in the early planning stages. Please watch your e-mail and/or mail for information as it becomes available.

Ambassador Applications

If there is any one that is interested in being an Ambassador, please complete the application that can be found on the county 4-H website. The applications will be due on September 30, 2016. After the applications are turned in we'll be setting up interviews for this upcoming year.

Being an Ambassador for Richland County is a fun and rewarding experience, but there is also certain responsibilities that come with the position. The requirements of being an Ambassador are outlined on the application.

Ambassador Fall Training

Ambassador Fall Training will be in Bozeman, MT this year on October 20-22nd. There will be more information sent out to the Ambassadors as we receive more from the state.

Please note that this year due to the scheduling of Achievement Day, parents will be responsible for travel to and from the training.

Sewing Classes

Leslie will be starting her monthly sewing classes on October 8th. She is planning on holding them on the 2nd Saturday of the month and will schedule them in the afternoon so as not to interfere with shooting sports. If you are interested in attending these, please call either the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen.

Make it with Wool Contest

The Montana Make It With Wool contest is coming up soon! The contest's objectives are: to promote the beauty and versatility of wool fabric and yarns, encourage personal creativity, recognize creative skills and develop life skills. Make plans now to enter this exciting contest.

The District 5 contest will be held in Sidney towards the end of October. The contest is open to everyone living in District 5. Entry forms and fees are due by October 6. For an entry form or questions please contact the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen at 406-569-2020.



Leaders Forum

The 2016 Leaders Forum will be held in Lewistown, MT, September 30 - October 2nd. The theme this year is "On Track to 4-H Volunteer Success." Leaders Forum is a fun and exciting event that will provide leaders with new ideas, tools and knowledge of how to better the 4-H program. This year the event will also include multiple workshops, educational tours, networking time, a banquet and entertainment. Registration is open from August 1 - September 23rd. I encourage all leaders to think about attending this fun and informative event.

If you are interested in attending Leaders Forum this year please contact the office and we will help you with the registration.



National 4-H Week #4HGrown

October 2 - 8, 2016, will be National 4-H week this year. This will be a great time to promote the 4-H program in our community through various ways. Some ideas for showing our 4-H pride are:

- Window Displays in your home community.
- Other 4-H displays in your home community.
- Handing out promotional flyers
- Special Club events.
- Articles in the local newspaper.
- Contacting your local T.V. and radio stations to have a short spot on the air.

* Remember, if your club has a display of any media, please contact the office so that we can take pictures and judge the display, for best 4-H week display.



Congress Delegates

Congratulations to the eight 4-H members who proudly represented Richland County at Montana 4-H Congress from July 11th - 16th in Bozeman, MT.

Representing Richland County were the following:

Quilt Contest- Taylor Schepens placing 3rd overall.

Career Communications - Jhren Carpenter placing 3rd overall.

Livestock Judging Team- John Helmuth, Jordan Baxter, Sarah Helmuth & Jenna Baxter placing 4th overall. John Helmuth placing 10th overall individually.

Member at Large- Jake Kunda and Kat Hill

Ambassadors- Jhren Carpenter, Brady Gorder, John Helmuth, Taylor Schepens, Jordan Baxter and Riley Kostelecky.

Members are not done when the trip is over. Members are required to do the following items:

1. Give a report to the Council within the calendar year.
2. Conduct a workshop or help with a county wide event.



Cloverbud Day

There will be a new day this year that will be just for Cloverbuds. A day of games, learning & fun. As of right now, we are looking for a date in November to have this event. Please watch you email for more information.

Thank you to the Ambassadors

As the 2015-2016, 4-H year comes to end. I would like to take this time to thank the Richland County 4-H Ambassadors for all their hardwork throughout the year. These six individuals have shown tremendous leadership skills and have been dedicated to improving the 4-H program here in Richland County. Thank you to:

Jhren Carpenter, Brady Gorder, John Helmuth, Taylor Schepens, Jordan Baxter and Riley Kostelecky.



Shooting Sports Planning

We will be having a shooting sports planning meeting on September 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. We will be planning the educational portion for the upcoming shooting days. Please join us to plan out the year. Please find below the dates for shooting in the upcoming year.

Mandatory Pre Meeting

October 15, 2016 - Event Center, 9 a.m.

November 19, 2016 - Event Center, 9 a.m.

December 3, 2016 - Event Center, 9 a.m.

January 21, 2017 - Event Center, 9 a.m.

February 11, 2017 - Event Center, 9 a.m.

March 11, 2017 - Event Center, 9 a.m.

March 25, 2017 - Event Center, 9 a.m. Make up day

We will only hold the makeup day if make ups are needed. The office will need to be notified if the member needs to make up a shoot.

Congratulations! Taylor Schepens

Our very own Richland County Ambassador, Taylor Schepens was elected to the 2016-2017 Ambassador Officer Team during 4-H Congress in July. She joins the team as the youth representative on the Montana Extension Advisor Committee. In addition to this responsibility, Taylor and her fellow state officers will work to represent their fellow ambassadors across the state by providing leadership service and promotion of the Montana 4-H program. The officer team is off to a great start.



4-H Supporters

Many businesses, organizations and individuals in our community support the 4-H program. Each month we will be listing several of the supporters in the newsletter. We would encourage you to send a thank you or to tell them the next time you see them or stop in their business. If you would like to submit names for the next Clover Chatter, please contact Josie at the Extension Office.

- Tractor Supply
- Stockman Bank
- XTO Energy
- SM Energy
- Eagle Country Ford
- Action Auto
- Richland County Fair Board
- Richland County Commissioners
- High Plains Vet Clinic
- Hefty Seed
- Tri County Implement
- Searer Auction