Attention: This is your 4-H Newsletter.

Note: The preferred due date for all year end materials is September 28 by 5:00 p.m. as noted. However, we will accept any material, without a late penalty until October 1 by NOON.

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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 into 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. 28

Clubs are required to turn in their financial review (Treasurers Book and Year End Financial Summary) and Secretary's book by September 28, 2018. **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.

Record Books Due

Record books will be due to the Extension Office September 28, 2018. This should give members plenty of time to get them finished and into the Extension Office. If you have any questions on how to complete your's, please contact the office ***before the deadline.***

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.

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 in the Richland County 4-H Program! Thank you for your service.

President-	**Lacey Nevins**
Vice President-	**Lisa Gorder**
Secretary-	**Amy Conlin**
Treasurer-	**Laura Schieber**
Director-	**Kristin Larson**
Director-	**Heather Nevins**
Director-	**Lisa Verschoot**
Director -	**Jen Carlsen**

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. All enrollment forms are due to the office by October 15th.

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.

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 to the office by *November 5th*. **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 2017-2018, 4-H year and must continue in the project and complete it for the 2018-2019, 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 28, 2018.

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, woodworking 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 28, 2018. 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.

Words of Wisdom:

"Leadership is action, not position."
- Donald H. McGannon

Fair 2018

Barn Yard Talk

Extra Calf

If anyone is looking for a calf for their 4-H that is used to being handled, please contact Kyle or Colleen Topp. They have an extra Angus calf that would be great for a 4-H member who is new to the steer project.

Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging

* Remember this counts as a County Event for the 2018-2019 4-H Year.

Carcass Results

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

N.I.L.E. Judging

This year the N.I.L.E. is set for October 13-20 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 406-480-5391.

Rocky Mountain Poultry Show

The Rocky Mountain Poultry Association Show will be in Great Falls on September 29, 2018. The deadline to enter is September 19, 2018. If you are interested in the event or just want more information on this event please contact the office for the official showbook.

Want to Learn How to Livestock Judge?

If you are interested in learning how to livestock judge please contact the office or Laura Schieber at 406-480-5391 for practice and contest information.

Market Animal Information

Are you considering enrolling in an animal project, but are not sure what it entails? Do you have questions about the specifics of animal projects? Please feel free to call the office to get help on all the answers that you need.

Club Officer Training

If you have been selected as an officer of your club please save the date for officer training. Officer Training will be December 2, 2018, at the Extension Office. Treasurers will meet from 3 to 4 p.m. and the other officers will join from 4 to 6 p.m. Look for more information in the November Clover Chatter.

New Family Orientation

On December 10th at 6:00 p.m. there will be a new family orientation for members and parents. This will be a chance for new families to ask questions and learn more about the 4-H program.

Leaders Meeting November 5th

The next 4-H Leaders Meeting will be on November 5th 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!

The Livestock Committee will hold their meeting on Monday, October 1st at the Extension Office beginning at 6 p.m.

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

Executive Council Meeting

The Executive Council will meet at the Extension Office on October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. If you are a member of the Executive body please plan to be there as we will be discussing many issues to better the 4-H Program in Richland County.

Achievement Day

Please mark your calendars for a day of celebration. The 2017-2018 Achievement Day is set for November 18th at 4:00 p.m. at the Richland County Event Center. This year the event is hosted by the Richland Rockets 4-H Club. Richland Rockets will be providing the pulled pork for the main portion of the meal and ask families with last names beginning with A-M to bring salads and N-P to bring dessert. The Richland Rockets are also asking clubs to bring a basket for the silent auction. There is no theme for the baskets this year, just something that would be appropriate for a silent auction.

Also, once again the Livestock Judging Team will be conducting the annual pie auction.

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 28, 2018. 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 18-20th. The theme for this years training is "Swing Into the Leadership Jungle." Registration information can be found on the state 4-H website or can be picked up at the office. Registration for this event is due to the Extension Office by October 1, 2018.

Sewing Classes

Leslie will be starting her monthly sewing classes on October 27th. She is planning on holding them on the 2nd Saturday of the month after October.

If you are interested in attending these, please call either the Extension Office or Leslie McMillen for more information.

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 on October 6. The contest is open to everyone living in District 5. If you are interested in participating in this contest, please contact Leslie McMillen at 406-569-2020 as soon as possible.

Citizenship Seminar

Citizenship Seminar is an in-depth learning experience for youth interested in government, politics, and policy. The event is hosted in our state capitol - Helena, MT, and will be January 20-22, 2019. Registration due December 1, 2018. For more information contact the office.

Jr. Leaders

The first Jr. Leaders meeting of the year will be November 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Jr. Leaders is a group of teen 4-H member who work together to promote and plan 4-H events here in Richland County. They also focus on service learning projects that help better the communities that we all live in. Jr. Leaders is open to any 4-H member who are 13 by October 1st of the current 4-H year. Please plan to join us for more fun in 4-H!

National 4-H Week
#InspireKidsToDo #TrueLeaders
I am #Montana 4-H

October 7-13, 2018, 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.

Be sure to check out the Montana 4-H National 4-H Week Resources at *http://www.montana4h.org/resources/national_4h_week.html.*

* 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 five 4-H members who proudly represented Richland County at Montana 4-H Congress from July 10th - 13th in Bozeman, MT.

Representing Richland County were the following:

Career Communications - Sarah Helmuth

Livestock Judging Team- Ali Merritt, Terry Reese, CJ Nevins and Tucker Nevins

Ambassadors- Ali Merritt, CJ Nevins and Sarah Helmuth.

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.**

4-H Grows Gala

The Montana 4-H Foundation is have a 4-H Grows Gala on November 3, 2018, in Bozeman, MT. They invite all to come our and celebrate a night of positive youth development. Tickets are $75. For more information call 406-994-5911.

Cloverbud Day

There will once again be a special day for Cloverbuds. We are currently looking at a date in January. Please watch for more information in the November Clover Chatter.

Robotics Class

There will be a Robotics Class on November 3rd at the Extension Office. This class is open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Robotics project. More information will be provided closer to the date.

I AM 4-H and OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER Awards

A few years ago the council voted to adopt two new awards to be given away at Achievement Day. They are the I am 4-H Award and the Outstanding 4-H Volunteer awards. The nomination forms can be found on the Richland County 4-H page at *http://msuextension.org/richland/4h.html* under the forms tab. I truly encourage all members, parents and leaders to look at these forms and nominate someone. There are so many outstanding youth and volunteers in our program. The nomination forms are due to the office on September 28th.

Shooting Sports Planning

We will be having a shooting sports planning meeting on September 27, 2018, at 5:30 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.

November 10, 2018 - Event Center, 9 a.m.
December 8, 2018 - Event Center, 9 a.m.
January 12, 2019 - Event Center, 9 a.m.
February 16, 2019 - Event Center, 9 a.m.
March 9, 2019 - Event Center, 9 a.m.
April 13, 2019 - Event Center, 9 a.m.
May 11, 2019 - 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.

Thank You to the Ambassadors

As the 2017-2018, 4-H year comes to end. I would like to take this time to thank the Richland County 4-H Ambassadors for all their hard work throughout the year. These five individuals have shown tremendous leadership skills and have been dedicated to improving the 4-H program here in Richland County. Thank you to:

Ali Merritt, Emma Torgerson, Sarah Helmuth, CJ Nevins and Trey Schepens.

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 Company
- Nortana Grain Company
- R&J Ag Supply
- Stockman Bank
- Yellowstone Bank
- Searer Auction Company
- Montana Auction Company
- Richland County Fair Board & Commissioners
- Rob See Company
- Lehrkinds Big Spring Water
- Tri County Implement
- Cory Foss
- Sidney Livestock Market Center
- Montana Dakota Scale Service
- High Plains Vet Clinic
- Sidney Sugars
- Pella Lutheran Church

Thank you!!