



Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter



July
2015

Council Meeting

Monday, July 13 at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building.

I want you all to know that you are all encouraged to come to Council meeting and give input. July is here and with that comes fair time. We will have packets for the leaders to pick up as well as having clubs sign up for shifts in the pig barn and MPB clean up at night after the barn closes. It is also time to start looking at the fall and the nominating of some officers for the council. I am sure we will have a host of other topics by meeting time as well. I look forward to seeing you all there.

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2015 Fair

The 4-H fair theme is "From Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels".

Fair starts on Tuesday, July 21 with Indoor judging at 8:00 am, followed by livestock arriving at 2:00 pm.

GREAT NEWS Lewis & Clark County Fair Board will be giving each livestock participant, 13 years and older, plus one parent an all week gate pass for the week of fair. 12 years old and under are not charged gate admission. These passes will be in the fair packet the leaders can pick up after Monday, July 13th Council meeting. Gate admission is \$3/person/day (youth 12 years old and under are free) or a weeklong pass is \$10.

Fair Camping

The Extension Office is accepting reservations with payment for camping spots in the 4-H camping area on the Fairgrounds during fair on **Wednesday, July 1**. Camping spots are \$25 each and must be paid at the time of reservations. Reservations cannot be made over the phone. Trailers and tents can move in to the marked camping spots starting Monday, July 20. Spots will be marked with the family name. Please stay within the marked lines and do not move the markers as they have been recorded. There is no security provided so be sure to lock up.

West Gate Entrance

4-H members and families are asked to use the West Gate Entrance for everything during the fair — from arrival to departure of livestock, trailers in the camping areas, and all 4-H activities. Follow Custer Avenue west past the fairground entrance, past the Babe Ruth ball fields. This road will take you to the 4-H camping and parking area.

Fair Entry and Green Wristbands

The green wristbands that 4-H members are given do **NOT** grant free admission. Green wristbands grant access to the 4-H camping area, 4-H parking area and are needed for night barn visits and security.

Traveling Trophies

If you received a traveling trophy last year, it is now time to turn it back to the Extension Office so it can be awarded this year. Thank you.

COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Foundation Raffle

Tickets for the Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation "Dream Big" Raffle are available to be picked up at the Extension office. Tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 tickets for \$100.00. **Unsold tickets must be returned to the Extension office by July 15.**

Prizes include:

1. Ruger M77 Hawkeye .338 WinMag with scope package
2. Bowtech Black Ops Compound Bow
3. Ruger American Caliber of winner's choice with scope package
4. 24-Gun Sentinel Safe
5. Garmin Montana 650 GPS
6. CVA Wolf Stainless 50 Caliber Black Powder Rifle
7. Knives of Alaska Hunters Triple Set
8. Knives of Alaska Fillet Knife set
9. Vortex Diamondback 12x50 Binoculars
10. Easton Full Bore Backpack
11. Work Sharp Original knife sharpening system.

Please members and parents we need your help selling the raffle tickets. The proceeds from the raffle support the 4-H program.

Foundation raffle winning tickets are eligible for one prize in the First Annual Dream Big drawing which will be held immediately following the Livestock Sale, Saturday, July 25.

For more information contact Cody Mitchell at 439-2709 or Alex Ostberg at 459-7799.

INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Indoor Judges Workshop, Thursday, July 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bill Hamilton Building.

At the Monday, July 13 Council meeting we will need all clubs to help move fair exhibit supplies from the back of the building to the front. Club organizational leaders, or an appointed club representative, can pick up their club fair packet after the building is set up. If you have questions contact Dora at 475-3640 or the office at 447-8346.

Indoor interview Judging

Interviews for indoor projects and educational displays (except horse and goat) will be scheduled again this year. This means that you will have a specific time to come interview on the morning of Tuesday, July 21. The interview schedule will be available online and provided to clubs leaders. If you need special accommodations for interview times, please let Dora Lindner (475-3640) or the office (447-8346) know by July 6th. We will do our best to work with those who may have scheduling conflicts. All participants must be checked in by 9:30 am regardless if their interview time is later.

Indoor Project Auction

Members are encouraged to participate in the Indoor Project Auction on Saturday, July 25 at 5:30 pm.in the Exhibit Hall. Information on the Indoor Project Auction can be found on page 4-H:11 in the Exhibitor's handbook. Common items to sell include baked goods, food preservation, woodworking, photography, leather craft and welding. In order to participate, members just turn in an Indoor Auction Entry Form by Tuesday, July 21. This is the same day as interview judging. The form is available online under Fair or from the Extension Office. Members, be sure to promote the Indoor Auction sale!

Project Pickup and Exhibit Hall Tear-down

Exhibits need to be picked up from the Exhibit Hall from 8:00 am - 10:00 am on Sunday, July 26. No early removal of exhibits allowed.

Tear-down and cleanup of the Exhibit Hall will begin at 10:00 am on Sunday, July 26. All clubs should be represented. Many hands make light work!

Arts and Crafts

Due to a HUGE conversion at work, I am unable to be present the morning of Indoor Judging. Terra Gilchrist, the junior superintendent, will be filling in for me. This is a huge job, so I am asking that all projects be ready to hang (unless it is one that needs to sit on the table).

If you have any questions please call Julie Gilchrist at 431-8763

Welding

Welders, fair is approaching fast and I hope you have started your projects. I would sure like to have a work shop or two here in July before fair. Please let me know what weekends works best for everyone.

Please don't hesitate to call Tony at 406-750-4867. Be careful and don't burn yourself.

Woodworking

For kids doing woodworking, if any of you have any questions or would like help with your projects please let me know. I hope all of you have started your projects or at least have a good idea of what you want to do. Watch the splinters and wear your safety glasses!

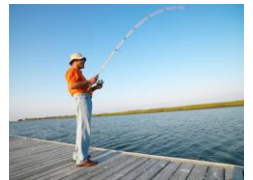
Please call Dave Swanson at 459-3950 anytime.
Woodworking Superintendent



Sport Fishing

4-H Sport Fishing continues. We have begun fishing several waters around the area. There is still room for anyone who would like to join as we will continue through August. We meet every Tuesday evening starting at 6pm.

For a schedule or more information please contact Guy Rainville at 439-3199 or ltcdadret@bresnan.net.



OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

It's July and fair is here!! Please make sure that you have looked at the Exhibitor's Handbook and familiarized yourself with the changes to this year's schedule; especially the arrival of animals on Tuesday and changes to the poultry show time.

Due to a change in our judge's schedule, we have had to make a couple of changes that are not in the Exhibitor's Handbook. These are; the goat show has been moved from Wednesday to Friday at 8:00 AM, the Dairy Show will start at 10:00 AM not 9:00 AM on Friday and the Beef show will begin at 12:00 noon and not 1:00 PM on Friday.

Barn Setup begins at 10:00 AM Sunday the 19th for the Multi-Purpose Building and at Noon for the Swine Barn. Please make sure you are present at setup and check in with your project superintendent, as there are potential fines for those that do not attend. We will also be helping setup indoor fair as needed.

Contact myself or your project superintendent if you have any questions and I look forward to seeing all of you at what I hope is an incredible fair. Good luck! Dennis Deaton 461-2844

Dog Project



Obedience & Showmanship... All groups will be meeting on **Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 pm to 7:30 pm at the Fairgrounds in front of the BHB July 2, 7, 9, and 14**. Meet us on the grass in front of the BHB on for obedience and showmanship drills. Please bring with you your dog supply bag (training collar, 6 ft. leash, showmanship leash, etc.) each session as there are not designated Obedience and Showmanship days! We will be moving from a training environment to a coaching/drilling environment to better prepare you and your dog for fair competition. Wear tennis shoes or boots. **NO sandals**. Please be on-time. We also practice in all weather except for lightning storms. It's hard to cancel, just come prepared. Just a reminder to parents - if you need to run a quick errand while we're practicing, please, please, please make sure you're back by the time we're finished. I will not leave your kids unaccompanied at the fairgrounds, nor will any of the other volunteers.

Agility... **Friday, July 10** will be the last practice for agility. All dogs and handlers will meet at Catherine LeCours from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Wear tennis shoes. **NO sandals**. Please be on-time. Just a reminder to parents - if you need to run a quick errand while we're practicing, please, please, please make sure you're back by the time we're finished. I will not leave your kids unaccompanied at Catherine's, nor will any of the other volunteers.

End of Year Celebration... July 14th following Obedience and Showmanship practice.

Fair Set-up ... We will be setting up the arena for Fair on July 16 at 6:00 pm

Record Books... This year I'd like to do something different and review your completed Record Books for the Dog Project. Please be sure to use the Non-Animal Project form and let me know your goals and accomplishments for the year. You do not need to turn in your full Record Book with all of your projects...you can turn in just your Dog Project portion. **Please turn in your Record Books to me no later than July 2**. I will return them at the July 16 – End of Year Celebration so that you can have them for fair.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, email Karen at eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com or contact me at [\(406\) 459-3030](tel:4064593030).

Sheep Project

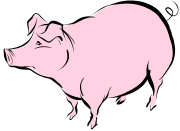


Sheep and goat members please come paint panels on Sunday, July 12 starting at 10:00 am at the Bill Hamilton Building. Wear paint clothes, Bring brushes and rollers if you have them. Don't forget to bring plenty of drinking water and sunscreen. We need lots of help to get these painted by fair!

Call Cage for more information at (507) 525-2703.



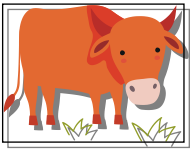
Swine Project



Hopefully everyone's pigs are doing well and gaining weight. We have less than 20 days left until fair so hopefully everyone's pigs are coming along nice and look good. I want to remind folks that we will **bring pigs into the fair on Tuesday, July 21 and we will be weighing them starting at 7:00a.m on Wednesday, July 22.** Once again we will be having pig barn cleaning duty as well and I will be expecting clubs to sign up to help keep the barn clean. **Clubs can sign up for Pig Barn Clean-up at the July 13 Council meeting.** Due to adding another day to the fair I am expecting the larger clubs to sign up for more than one shift. Any shifts that is not covered I will be assigning clubs to cover those shifts.

Remember that the minimum weight for pigs is 210 pounds and the maximum weight is 300 pounds. If you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Beef Project



Hello Beef Project Members - The fair is coming quickly and will be here before you realize it. With that said I hope all of your projects are going well. The steers I have seen look great. A big congratulation goes out to all who participated in the Helena Jackpot Show. I was really impressed with the animals and the number of Lewis and Clark participants; you have a jump start on all the other kids. The weather man says it should be getting hot so lots of fresh water, shade and maybe a fan might be a good idea. I know it is hard to push weight in hot weather but now is the time to push and finish your steers. If you have any questions about the fair or finishing your projects please do not hesitate to ask. See you all at the fair!

SCHEDULE CHANGE Beef show will begin at 12:00 noon and not 1:00 pm on Friday, July 24.

If you have any questions please call Shane Tamcke, 560-5470, or shanetamcke@yahoo.com

Dairy Cattle Project

Meeting July 8th at 6:00 pm my barn. This is our last meeting before fair. At this time we will be working on posing your animal, washing and clipping, and most important safety.

SCHEDULE CHANGE The Dairy Show will start at 10:00 am, not 9:00 am, on Friday, July 24.

Marilyn deMontigny, Dairy Superintendent 227-5177 or marilynjdemontigny@gmail.com

Rabbit



No rabbit meeting in July. Everyone please start freezing bottles of water to keep your rabbits cool at fair. Bring extra bottles (Gatorade, big water bottles etc...) so we can put some in the freezer on day of set up [Sunday, July 19]

With rabbit project questions contact Dundee at 459-0934

Goat



SCHEDULE CHANGE The goat show has moved from Wednesday, July 22 to Friday, July 24 starting at 8:00 am.

Herdsmanship Awards at Fair

This year we are happy to announce we will be giving 2 herdsmanhip awards in the morning and afternoon in each of the six categories (Beef, Swine, Lamb, Poultry, Rabbit, & Goats). The 4-H members will be judged on how well they keep their pens cleaned, animals watered and fed, and show respect when interacting with the public. We will also be judging the decoration and attractiveness of the animal's exhibit area. Please remember the theme is "Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels"!

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Grady 439-0518 or Katie Grady-Selby 202-1802.

Adult Round Robin

The Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club is excited to announce the 1st Annual Adult Round Robin!! This event will be held Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Arena. This is a fundraising event that will profit the Outdoor Committee and the Clubs that score the highest in each division. Nomination forms and rules will be posted on the 4-H website <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/fair.html>.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Grady-Selby at 202-1802 or Andrea Corbally at 459-9900.

Horse Project

Horse Committee Meeting

The Horse Committee Meeting is **July 8, 2015 at 5:30** in the BHB. We will be lining up helpers for the Fair Horse Show on July 17th & 18th. If you would like to volunteer or help out in any way please attend the meeting or contact Vanessa.



Upcoming Events

Tack Cleaning workshop is July 8 in the BHB at 5:30. Please bring your saddle, bridle and saddle stand, if you have one. Ron Zbinden will be showing the members how to clean their tack and helping members clean their tack. Everyone is welcome. This workshop is being held at the same time as the Horse Committee Meeting.

FAIR HORSE SHOW - JULY 17th& 18th

PLEASE NOTE: The horse show is the kick-off event to the rest of the fair. Read over the rules in the 4-H Exhibitor's Handbook, pages 40-41 for Dress Code and equipment requirements. Check-in will be on Friday at 11:00 at the Multi-Purpose Building at the Fairgrounds. Trail classes will begin at 12:00 and then we will begin our English classes.

** This year Trail will be set up outside- NO one is to be practicing on the course or it will be Automatic DISQUALIFICATION of the class if you and your horse are near the trail course.**

Any questions please call me. 406-431-1598 Vanessa

Change from Exhibitors Handbook Horse Education Displays will be judge Saturday, July 18 during the Horse Show and not on Tuesday, July 21 during Indoor Interview Judging. Horse Educational Display can count towards Horse High Point.

Horseless Horse levels 1-5 will be judged on Tuesday, July 21 during Indoor Interview Judging.

Year End Awards

We encourage horse and horseless members to apply for the Lewis & Clark County Horsemanship Award. The horsemanship award was developed to recognize a 4-H horse member's dedication and commitment through participation and achievement in the county 4-H horse and horseless projects. The requirements for the award are not due until August 30. Applications will be on the 4-H website.


Horse Project Facebook

Please come join us on Facebook: Lewis & Clark County 4-H Horse Project

If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa at 431-1598 or lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com

*Check the calendar on the website for additional events or changes.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Dog 6:00 pm	3 -OFFICE CLOSED-	4  Happy 4th of July!
5	6	7 Dog 6:00 pm Sport fishing 6:00 pm	8 Horse Committee 5:30 pm Tack Cleaning Workshop 5:30 pm	9 Dog 6:00 pm	10 Dog 6:00 pm	11
12 Painting panels 10:00 am	13 Council Meeting and Building Setup 5:30	14 Dog 6:00 pm Sport fishing 6:00 pm	15	16 Indoor Judges Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Horse Show 11:00 am	18 Horse Show 8:30 am
19	20	21 FAIR _____ Interview judging 8:00 am Sport fishing 6:00 pm	22	23	24	25 Livestock Sale 11:00 am
26 Barn tear down 7:00 am Exhibit Hall tear down 10:00 am	27	28 Sport fishing 6:00 pm	29	30	31	4