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Please Read

The fair is fast approaching and we ask that you carefully read everything in this newsletter pertaining to schedules and deadlines. Some adjustments had to be made because of changes to different activities. Make sure to read about every activity you are involved in and if you have any questions please call the Extension Office

Jr. Trip

Planning for the Jr Trip is underway but at this point no firm plans have been made. We will be sending out more information when it is available. Please watch your mail for details later this month.



Entries Due July 17th

Entries are due to the Extension Office by July 17th. We will not use strings on the exhibit cards, but they will be available on the day of judging. Feeder passes and rodeo tickets will be given at that time.

Livestock Members - Please mark down how many pens you will need for this year's fair, barns will be tight, so you will have two steers per stall as in past years.



Livestock Check-In

Check-In for sheep, hog and goats is Wednesday from noon-3:00 p.m. with weigh-in from 7-8 p.m. Beef and dairy check-in is from 3:00-6:00. All animals need to be unloaded by 6:00 p.m., no exceptions! Members need to check in with Patti at the 4-H Office in the Sheep and Swine Barn. Each member will receive their competitor number, stall sign, and other information. Entry tags and feeder pass for livestock will be with your indoor entries on Tuesday. As animals are unloaded, **we ask that trailers are moved ASAP or they will be moved for you.** It is **highly recommended** that feed & bedding be unloaded Tuesday during the indoor judging or early Wednesday. You may also unload your trailer after you have your animal weighed in, **not while you are unloading your animal.**

Interview Judging Tips

Interview judging is designed to assist the 4-H'er in evaluating their work. It gives 4-H'ers a sense of personal involvement and makes project work more educational. Evaluators are understanding, empathetic, supportive and willing to listen as they involve themselves in dialogues with young people. Here are some sample questions you may be able to expect.

- 1) Have you taken this project before?
- 2) What other things did you make in this project during the year?
- 3) How will you use this project item?
- 4) What was the most difficult part of your exhibit?
- 5) What would you do differently if you made it again?
- 6) Approximately how much did it cost you to make?
- 7) What are some characteristics that make a good (project) exhibit?
- 8) Do you plan to take this project again?
- 9) What are some other things you could learn?
- 10) What did you like best about the project?



September Leaders Meeting

The next 4-H Leaders meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Extension Office meeting room. Election of new officers will be taking place. We hope you will attend and help us get the upcoming 4-H year off to a great start. The Nomination Committee will be asking for volunteers for positions on the council at this year's fair.



Fair Grounds Work Day

Everyone involved in 4-H is asked help with the work day scheduled for July 19th at the Fairgrounds starting at 5:30 p.m. We will be getting the grounds and buildings ready for the Fair and will conclude the day with a potluck dinner. A few of the projects include cleaning the Food Booth, Exhibit Building and painting. There is a lot of work to be done and we need all the assistance we can get.

Some things that may be handy to bring are shovels, wheel barrows, brooms, cleaning supplies, saws, hammers and paint brushes!

This year we are assigning clubs a specific area to be cleaned. Below lists what area is assigned to which club.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Exhibit Building | Richland Aces |
| Food Booth | Brorson |
| Bleachers | Richland Rockets |
| | Fair View |
| Horse Barn | Richland Rascals |
| Beef Barn 1 | Forever Buds |
| | Badlands |
| Beef Barn 2 | Missouri River |
| | Lambert Hi-Liters |
| Hog & Sheep Barn | Yellowstone Valley |
| | Three Buttes |

As part of the potluck we need families starting with A-L to bring a desserts and M-Z to bring salads. Everyone needs to bring their own drinks. 4-H will be supplying burgers, buns and condiments.



Camping at the Fair Grounds

If you are planning on camping at the Fairgrounds during the Fair, the following contains some information you will need to know.

- **NO** alcohol will be permitted outside of your personal camper. The camper area is representative of 4-H and is not allowed.
- All camper units must be identified with the family name displayed in the front window of the camper (provided by fair office)
- Keep your area clean
- Only those with special admission tickets: Superintendents, Fair employees, 4-H livestock leaders and 4-H campers shall park in this area.



State 4-H Horse Show In Miles City September 28-30

All members participating in Horse Projects are invited to attend the Montana State 4-H Horse Show in Miles City September 28-30. This is an opportunity to meet members from around Montana and to compete with your horse at the next level.

Registrations are due September 7th, and no late registrations will be accepted after September 14th.

Please contact the Extension Office for registration materials.

Columbia Starter Flock

The MT Columbia Sheep Association will be awarding a "Starter Flock" consisting of 4 Registered Columbia Ewes of breeding age to a lucky recipient at the MT Columbia Show and Sale in Lewistown on August 25.

Any member age 11-16 who have the facilities and ability to care for them, and who have support from their parents and a MT Columbia Sheep Breeder as a sponsor may apply.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Luanne Wallewein at 937-2775 or email her at www.wallywld@northerntel.net or the Extension Office for further information.

Applications are due before Aug 1st.

Fair Barn Talk

Attention Livestock Members

Over the last few years there have been a few changes. Members need to read the following and understand the changes so that there is no confusion at fair.

2% Commission: Members selling livestock will be assessed a commission, replacing; photo mat fee, check off fees, brand inspection, and Thank You plaque.

Individual Pictures: In past years, the individual pictures have been very popular with many buyers. This year pictures will be taken after each show to insure that we have good quality pictures. Steer pictures will be taken between the two beef barns and sheep and hog will be taken on the south side of the sheep and hog barn. It is the members responsibility to get your picture done.

Bill of Sale and Livestock Delivery Agreements: Every member with market animals must have completed the MQA requirements. You *must* also have a Livestock Delivery Agreement and your bill of sale in **before** Wednesday night at check-in or you will not be allowed to show or sell your animal.

Group Picture: We will have a group picture taken for a Thank You to buyers during the Fair rather than placing an expensive individual Thank You adds. The picture will be taken at around 10:00 a.m. on Friday. Please dress in your show attire

Dress Code: There is a dress code for all livestock exhibitors printed on page 5 of the 4-H Livestock Handbook. All members will be required to adhere to this code during showing of animals, showmanship and during the sale. Members will be asked to leave the ring if they do not follow the requirements.

Exhibit Numbers: All livestock members are required to wear numbers on their back in order to exhibit. These numbers will be provided at check in on Wednesday, August 1st, so make sure you get your number. All placings are based on back numbers.

Pen Bedding: Members will again be responsible to provide their own bedding for all animals.

Livestock Buyer's Week

The week of July 23 has been set aside as Buyer Appreciation Week. 4-H members need to call the office by July 20th to sign up for at least one day to visit local businesses to promote our sale. We will also need adults to help out taking some of the groups around town. The goal for the buyer's week is to encourage more businesses to attend and to promote the premium part of our sale. Groups will be leaving the office at 1:00 p.m. with leader chaperones. There is also a pamphlet for sale promotion that can be picked up from the office.

Livestock Exhibitor's Handbook

Everybody showing livestock will receive the Livestock Exhibitors Handbook. This book will help new and returning exhibitors with their schedules and preparations for the fair. It also gives information on the events we hold such as the Buyer's BBQ and the Carcass show. We really feel that this will help with the questions and uncertainties that come with bringing livestock to the fair.

Make sure to utilize the check lists when packing your trailer!

Cloverbud Orphan Animal



This year Cloverbuds have the opportunity to bring an orphan livestock animal to the fair for a presale parade. There is a limit of *one* animal per Cloverbud which may include a sheep, pig, goat, calf or horse. Animals must wear a halter or be able to be controlled by the Cloverbud. Animals are to be brought only for the parade which will follow the trophy and award presentation at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.



Fair Schedule

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm - Indoor Interview Exhibit Judging
 12:00 p.m.- Deadline for all 4-H Horse entries
 3:00 p.m. Ranch Horse, Trail, Driving, Speed Events

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

8:30 a.m.- Judging of 4-H Horse Classes showmanship, and lots 1- 44
 11:30 a.m. - 4-H concession stand opens
 12:00-3:00 p.m. - Hog, sheep, and goat exhibits entered
 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.- Beef & Dairy exhibits entered (market beef will be ultrasounded)
 4:00 p.m. Judging of Poultry
 6:00 p.m.- Judging of Dogs, Cats, & Rabbits
 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.- Weighing of Market Goat, Hog & Sheep

Thursday, August 2, 2012

6:30 a.m.- Weighing of Market Beef
 8:30 a.m.- 4-H livestock judging (swine, dairy, sheep, breeding beef and goat)
 5:00 p.m.- Judging of 4-H Market Beef

Friday, August 3, 2012

8:00 a.m.- 4-H Showmanship (Sr. and Jr.)
 11:00 a.m.- Overall Grand Champion Showmanship Contest (Sr. and Jr.)
 4:30 p.m.- Trophy and Awards presentation (4-H Arena)
 5:00 p.m.- 4-H Livestock Sale (4-H Arena)
 6:00 p.m.- Check out of 4-H horse exhibits

Saturday, August 4, 2012

10:00 a.m. 4-H member and Alumni obstacle course

Sunday, August 6, 2012

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.- Check out of all 4-H exhibits, including livestock

Carcass Shows

Hog & Lamb - August 9, 9:00 am
 Beef - August 15, 9:00 am

Interview Judging

Below is the interview judging schedule for this years fair. Members need to be present with their projects entering through the East End (back of building) of the 4-H Exhibit Building. The vehicles will need to be parked near the canal during judging to free up the midway for vendors.

Tuesday, August 1st

9:00 am Richland Rockets / Forever Buds / Richland Rascals
 10:00 am Brorson / Richland Aces / Fair View
 11:00 am Badlands / Lambert Hi-Liters / Yellowstone Valley
 12:00 pm Missouri River Ranchers / Three Buttes
 1:00 pm Time allotted for those who cannot make their scheduled time



2012 FAIR WORK SCHEDULE

4-H FOOD BOOTH

| Wednesday, August 3rd | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 11:30 am-4:30 pm | Brorson |
| 4:30pm - 10:00pm | Forever Buds |
| Thursday, August 4th | |
| 6:30am - 11:30am | Three Buttes |
| 11:30am - 4:30pm | Richland Aces |
| 4:30pm - 10:00pm | Fair View |
| Friday, August 5th | |
| 6:30am - 11:30am | Badlands Brushpoppers |
| 11:30am - 4:30pm | Richland Rockets |
| 4:30pm - 10:00pm | Lambert Hi-Liters |
| Saturday, August 6th | |
| 6:30am - 11:30am | Yellowstone Valley |
| 11:30am - 4:30pm | Richland Rascals |
| 4:30pm - 10:00pm | Missouri River Ranchers |

4-H BUILDING SITTING SCHEDULE

| Wednesday, August 3rd | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 12:00 pm-4:00 pm | Richland Rockets |
| 4:00pm - 8:00pm | Missouri River Ranchers |
| Thursday, August 4th | |
| 12:00pm - 4:00pm | Badlands Brushpoppers |
| 4:00pm - 8:00pm | Forever Buds |
| Friday, August 5th | |
| 12:00pm - 4:00pm | Yellowstone Valley |
| 4:00pm - 8:00pm | Brorson |
| 8:00pm - 10:00pm | Richland Aces |
| Saturday, August 6th | |
| 9:00am - 12:00pm | Lambert Hi-Liters |
| 12:00pm - 4:00pm | Fair View |
| 4:00pm - 8:00pm | Three Buttes |
| 8:00pm - 10:00pm | Richland Rascals |

FOOD BOOTH DETAILS

There are a few guidelines for each shift:

- Each family needs to bring **two** 9-inch fruit pies unless they are the 6:00 a.m. shift. **This means no pumpkin or pecan and no cream pies of any kind!**
- If you do not bake pies, contact Sadie's or Sunny's or anyone else that bakes pies and buy them. **If you go with Sadie's or Sunny's, they require a 1-2 week advance order.**
- **NO PREMADE STORE BOUGHT PIES!**
- The 6:00 a.m. shift (all families of each shift combine) need to bring 5 dozen sweet rolls, you may purchase these at Baker Boy for consistency or purchase frozen rolls and bake.
- Workers need to show up 15 minutes before their shift starts.
- Keep long hair tied up, avoid shorts, no halter tops, and absolutely no bare feet.

Exhibit Check Out: Three Buttes

BBQ: Missouri River Ranchers

ALL clubs are expected to help with clean-up prior to the fair and after the fair on Sunday morning starting at 7 a.m.



FOOD BOOTH ASSISTANCE

As in the past, we anticipate running into conflicts with our work schedule during the livestock sale. If there are any of the 4-H Alumni or non-livestock families who would like to help us out during this time in the food booth, we would greatly appreciate it. Next year it could be your club! The sale is Friday, starting at 5:00. If you can help, please call Kathy Helmuth, 774-3798, or the Extension Office.

GOOD LUCK and



ENJOY THE FAIR!