



MONTANA
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Clover Chatter

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NO EARLY DELIVERIES
WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL

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Columbia Starter Flock

Show & Sale Aug 24th
Deadline to apply, Aug 8th
Contact the office for further info



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.

Jr. Trip Sign Up

The dates for the Jr. Trip are August 7th & 8th We will be going to Medora. We will be attending the pitchfork fondue and musical and staying at the Badlands Motel on Aug 7th. Aug 8th we will have some time to swim, shop and maybe some other fun things.

To qualify for this trip, you will need to have attended 50% of your club meetings, competed in a county contest; speech day, demonstration day, livestock judging, fashion revue, quilt revue or shooting sports. This should be a very fun trip for those who have qualified.

We need to know how any will be able to go so we can continue planning. We are hoping to have all plans finalized prior to the fair, so **please sign up early**. The last sign up day for the trip will be July 17th. Call the Extension Office to register. When you sign up, please indicate whether you would like a steak or hot dog at the fondue. A letter will be sent out as soon as all the details are known.

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?

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.



September Leaders Meeting

The next 4-H Leaders meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 3rd 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 25th 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 & rags, buckets, 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
	Richland Rockets
Bleachers	Fair View
Horse Barn	Richland Rascals
	Forever Buds
Beef Barn 1	Badlands
	Missouri River
Beef Barn 2	Lambert Hi-Liters
	Yellowstone Valley
Hog & Sheep Barn	Three Buttes
Poultry/Rabbit Cages	Homesteaders

As part of the potluck we need families last name 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). *If this is not visible, you will be asked to leave.*
- 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 Kallispell, September 13-15

All members participating in Horse Projects are invited to attend the Montana State 4-H Horse Show in Kallispell, September 13-15. This is an opportunity to meet members from around Montana and to compete with your horse at the next level.

Registrations need to be postmarked by Aug 29th, and no late registrations will be accepted after September 6th.

Please contact the Extension Office for registration materials.

Orphan Animal Parade

Once again, Cloverbuds have the opportunity to bring an orphan livestock animal to the fair for a presale parade. There isn't entry in the fairbook, but please write on the entry blank "orphan animal 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 4:00 p.m. on Friday.



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, July 31st, 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 22nd has been set aside as Buyer Appreciation Week. 4-H members need to call the office by July 19th to sign up for a day to visit local businesses to promote our sale. 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. There is also a pamphlet for sale promotion that can be picked up from the office.

Livestock Exhibitor's Handbook

Members showing livestock should've received this booklet. It 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 Carcass show and explain the new Buyers voucher. 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!

Delivery & Processing

Delivery times for livestock is the same as last year; hogs, sheep & goats starting at noon; beef & dairy starting at 3:00 p.m. All animals must be unloaded by 6:00 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** As animals are unloaded, please move trailers ASAP, or they will be moved for you. Feed and bedding can be unloaded Tuesday, early Wednesday or after you move your trailer and animals are weighed, **NOT** while unloading your animal.

Processing will again be tricky this year. Hogs will be going to Craig's on Sunday. He will take whatever we have, although you will need to haul your own animals. There **WILL NOT** be large loads going this year. Hall's will take 4-5 animals a day. Craig's has suggested you call now to reserve your spot for beef **BEFORE** fair, with **SOLD** animals being done first. If your animal isn't processed there, you can call and cancel your timeslot.

Fair Schedule

Tuesday, July 30, 2013

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. Mini, Driving, Speed Events, Ranch Horse

Wednesday, July 31, 2013

8:30 a.m.- Judging of 4-H Horse Classes & Showmanship
 11:30 a.m. - 4-H Food Booth 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 weighed & 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 1, 2013

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

Friday, August 2, 2013

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

Saturday, August 3, 2013

10:00 a.m. 4-H member and Alumni obstacle course
 6:00 p.m.- Check out of 4-H horse exhibits

Sunday, August 5, 2013

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

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. **Vehicles need to be parked near the canal during judging to free up the midway for vendors.**

Tuesday, July 30th

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



2013 FAIR WORK SCHEDULE



4-H FOOD BOOTH

Wednesday, July 31st	
11:30 am-4:30 pm	<i>Brorson</i>
4:30pm - 10:00pm	<i>Richland Rockets</i>
Thursday, August 1st	
6:30am - 11:30am	<i>Three Buttes</i>
11:30am - 4:30pm	<i>Lambert Hi-Liters</i>
4:30pm - 10:00pm	<i>Yellowstone Valley</i>
Friday, August 2nd	
6:30am - 11:30am	<i>Fair View</i>
11:30am - 4:30pm	<i>Forever Buds</i>
4:30pm - 10:00pm	<i>Richland Aces</i>
Saturday, August 3rd	
6:30am - 11:30am	<i>Missouri River Ranchers</i>
11:30am - 4:30pm	<i>Badlands Brushpoppers</i>
4:30pm - 10:00pm	<i>Richland Rascals</i>

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 someone who does and buy them.
 - **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.

4-H BUILDING SITTING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 31st	
12:00 pm-4:00 pm	<i>Brorson</i>
4:00pm - 8:00pm	<i>Richland Rockets</i>
Thursday, August 1st	
12:00pm - 4:00pm	<i>Lambert Hi-Liters</i>
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8:00pm - 10:00pm	<i>Homesteaders</i>

Exhibit Check Out: Three Buttes
 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 Karen Olsen Beenken, 488-7830, or the Extension Office.

GOOD LUCK and



ENJOY THE FAIR!