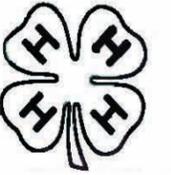


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Leaders and Members,

The fair is quickly approaching, are you ready yet? As we go through the next few weeks we will be making the final preparations for this year's fair. State Congress is just around the corner and we're looking forward to a great time in Bozeman. The summer has been full of activities to keep the youth busy. Hopefully you have had time to enjoy these great activities.

Wade Whiteman

Richland County Agent

Volunteers Needed

As we do every year at this time, we are again asking for a minimum of 12 volunteers to help with entries and judging on Tuesday, July 31st. Last year we had many volunteers and their help was greatly appreciated! We are hoping for a repeat this year.

We need help Tuesday morning with checking in exhibits, assisting judges in the afternoon, and with arranging the building for the public after judging. This is a very busy time at the fair and the more people we have involved the faster and more smoothly the day will go for everyone.

We could also use some members in the office to help out with string and sort entry tags after they are printed. Members can stop in the office anytime the week of July 23rd to help out with this project.

Jr. Trip Sign Up

The Jr. Trip plans are starting to come together. Members will be enjoying a day trip to Dickinson and taking in the sites and the Rec Center. The group will be leaving Sidney on August 15th. Members have to of participated in one county contest; speech, demo, livestock, fashion revue or horse judging. If you're interested in going please contact the Extension Office. More information will be available at that time.

Please Read

The fair is fast approaching and we ask that you carefully read everything in this news letter 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

Graduates Scholarships

The application deadline for scholarships is September 1st. Scholarships can be picked up at the Office or downloaded off the Web site. This deadline includes the Richland County Memorial Scholarship, Pat Whiteman Memorial Scholarship, and livestock scholarships. Please make sure you turn your application into the office if you are interested.

Fair Grounds Work Day

Everyone involved in 4-H is asked to come out and participate in the work day scheduled for July 22nd at the Fairgrounds starting at 2:00 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 in the sheep and hog barn as well. The clubs in charge of this years clean up include **Charley Creek, Forever Buds, and Lambert Hi-Liters**. Some things that may be handy to bring are shovels, wheel barrows, brooms, cleaning supplies, saws, hammers and paint brushes! No tools will be supplied. As part of the potluck we need families starting with A-L to bring salads and M-Z to bring a desert. Everyone needs to bring their own drinks. 4-H will be supplying burgers, buns and condiments.

Exhibit Building Sign Up

Please take note of when your club works on page 5. If there are time slots that are not filled the building will be closed to the public. We asked that the larger clubs take two shifts. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation!

September Leaders Meeting

The next 4-H Leaders meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 4th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Library Basement. Election of new officers will be taking place along with other bits of business. 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 Schedule/Check List

Tuesday, July 31, 2007

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.- All 4-H exhibits other than livestock must be entered
1:00 p.m.- Judging of 4-H indoor exhibits

Wednesday, August 1, 2007

8:00 a.m.- Deadline for all 4-H Horse entries
8:30 a.m.- Judging of 4-H Horse Classes showmanship, and lots 1- 44
12 noon - 4-H concession stand opens
3:30 - 7:00 p.m.- All livestock exhibits entered
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.- Weighing of Market Hogs & Sheep

Thursday, August 2, 2007

6:30 a.m.- Weighing of Market Beef
8:30 a.m.- 4-H livestock judging (swine, sheep, dairy, and goat)
1:00 p.m.- Judging of Dogs, Cats, Rabbits & Poultry
5:00 p.m.- Judging of 4-H market beef

Friday, August 3, 2007

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)
4:30 p.m.- 4-H Livestock Sale (4-H Arena)

Saturday, August 4, 2007

8:00 a.m.- Judging of 4-H Horses lots 45 - 54
6:00 p.m.- Check out of 4-H horse exhibits

Sunday, August 5, 2007

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.- Check out of all 4-H exhibits, including livestock

Entry Day

All indoor exhibits need to be checked in Tuesday, July 31st from 9 a.m. till 12 noon. We will take no entries after that time to allow for preparations for the judging to begin at 1:00 p.m., so the earlier you can bring in your entries the better. Please remember to check in at the front table in the 4-H Exhibit Building. You will receive your tickets at that time for your projects. Any projects NOT checked in will NOT be judged.

Livestock Check-In

Check-In is from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1st with sheep, goat, and hog weigh-in from 7-8 p.m. All animals need to be unloaded by 7:00 p.m., no exceptions! Members need to check in with Becky at the 4-H Office in the Sheep and Swine Barn. Each member will receive their competitor number, stall sign, a generic Thank You that they may use, 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.

2006 FAIR WORK SCHEDULE

4-H Food Booth

Wednesday, August 1	
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Jepsen, Haglers, Rice, S Prevost, Phillippi, Lien
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*Klempel, M Prevost, Oliver, J Topp
6:00pm - 10:00pm	*L McMillen, Carda, Albin, B Buxbaum
Thursday, August 2nd	
6:00am - 10:00am	*Steppler, Roasaaen, J Fink, Reidle
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Whitford, Turnbull, Leland, Panasuk, Nevins
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*Haverkamp, Neuleib, Davidson, Zadow, Netzer
6:00pm - 10:00pm	*Landers, Staffanson, Redman, B & C Johnson

Friday, August 4 th	
6:00am - 10:00am	*Miller, Koch, Greenwood, Eskridge, Rauschendorfer, Vaira
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Hill, R Fink, Buxbaum, Hanson
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*Wick, Ler, Henson
6:00pm - 10:00pm	*Helmuth, Lunderby, Vitt, M Johnson
Saturday, August 5 th	
6:00am - 10:00am	*Handy, Schaff, Casterline
10:00am - 2:00pm	*Dynneson, Searer
2:00pm - 6:00pm	*Gorder, VanEvery, K McMillen, Tombre
6:00pm - 10:00pm	*Indergaard, Topp

4-H Building Sitting Schedule

Wednesday, August 2 nd	
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Lambert Hi-Liters
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Badlands
Thursday, August 3 rd	
10:00am - 1:30pm	Valley View
1:30pm - 5:00pm	Yellowstone Valley
5:00pm - 8:30pm	Three Buttes
Friday, August 4 th	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Badlands
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Richland Rockets
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Brorson
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Charley Creek
Saturday, August 5 th	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Forever Buds
12:00pm - 3:00pm	Three Buttes
3:00pm - 6:00pm	Richland Rockets
6:00pm - 9:00pm	Forever Buds

Cleaning Schedule

BEFORE	After
July 23 rd - 2:00pm	TBA
Charley Creek	Richland Rockets
Forever Buds	Three Buttes
Lambert Hi-Liters	Valley View

Food Booth Details

- There are a few guidelines for each shift:
- Each family needs to bring 3 nine inch fruit pies, unless they are the 6:00 a.m. shift
 - The 6:00 a.m. shift (all families of each shift combine) need to bring 6 dozen sweet rolls, you may purchase these at baker boy for consistency
 - Each shift should bring 1 gallon of lemonade and 1 gallon of ice tea frozen in plastic containers.
 - 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.

Freezer Needed

The Food Booth is in need of a small chest-type freezer to hold Popsicles and Ice Cream Treats to be sold. If anybody has one that they'll borrow out please contact the Extension Office.

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.

- All camper units must be identified with the family name displayed in the front window of the camper (provided by fair office)
- Parking is for campers only. Guests must stay in the parking lot
- 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.
- Absolutely no campers, trailers, etc. may extend in any manner, into the designated fire lane. If they do they will be towed at the owner's expense.
- AC units **must** be turned off when the camper is unoccupied. Keep electricity use to a minimum.

Montana 4-H Congress Community Service Project

Your challenge is to bring cans of Tuna fish with green and blue labels to Congress.

It is important for all cans to be the same size and shape in order to build a structurally sound model. Please bring only regular tuna fish size (approx. 6 oz.) cans with mostly green or blue labels. Throughout the event we will build a 3-dimensional model of the globe out of cans before donating them to the Montana Food Network. www.montanafoodbanknetwork.org

The County with the largest "can count" will receive a special recognition and a prize during the Awards Showcase on Wednesday night.

Cans will be collected at the Field House as you enter the Opening Session Tuesday night. Please do not bring cans to registration. There will be several opportunities throughout the event to help with the "canstruction".

The size of our globe depends on you and your ability to collect as many cans as possible! If it is not logistically possible for you to bring a car load of cans with you to Congress the Community Service committee will collect money and purchase the equivalent number of cans in Bozeman. Each dollar will count as one can towards your county's "can count".

State Congress

Travel Plans

This year our delegates must meet at the High School at 6:00 am on Tuesday, July 10. The bus will leave at 6:45 am. They are scheduled to be back in Sidney at 5:00 pm on Friday, July 13. If you have any questions please feel free to call the Extension Office.

Robotics

Are you ready to explore the world of robots? In the Robotics program you will learn new ways to effectively communicate with a robot that you've built! You will also be learning how to solve problems, organize information, make decisions and communicate with others. Want to sign up? Call the Extension Office and let us know that you're interested in getting a Robotics program in Richland County 4-H

Club Radio Spots

During the week of July 16th 93.1 has agreed to give a Radio Spot to each 4-H Club. Every club must be represented during this week. We are looking for a good diversity of projects and dialog. Call the Extension Office to set up a time for your club to give your Radio Spot.

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; insurance, 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 Wednesday night at check-in or you will not be allowed to show and sell your animal.

Livestock Buyer's Week

We have set aside July 16th- 20th as Buyer Appreciation Week. 4-H members need to call the office by July 13th 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 2:00 with leader chaperones. There is also a pamphlet for sale promotion that can be picked up from the office.

Trailer Parking

This year leaders will be required to move trailers immediately after animals are unloaded. This will help with the waiting in the parking lot. All livestock families will or have received more information via the mail. If you have any questions please call us.

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.

Pen Bedding: Members will again be responsible to provide their own bedding. *ABSOLUTLEY NO STRAW!*

Livestock Exhibitors Handbook

Everybody showing livestock should have recieved the new Livestock Exhibitors Handbook that we're putting out this year. This book will help new and return 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!

Livestock Stalls and Pens

Dont' forget to mark how many Stalls/Pens you will need for the fair on your Entry Forms. This is the only way to guarantee a spot for your animals! Your pens will be assigned at the fair.