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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

**State Leader's Forum**

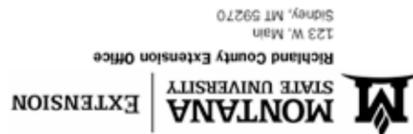
This year's State Leader's Forum will be hosted by Sidney, September 25th & 26th. The Council has voted to pay all registrations for Leaders and Youth, 14 & older, interested in attending. We need 10 - 15 leaders to volunteer for the 26th to help with workshops and facilities. If interested, call the Extension Office to register and/or volunteer.

**Area youth excel at Montana State  
4-H Congress**

Members from Richland County participated in a variety of competitions ranging from demonstrations to speech to livestock judging. Members prepare during the year to compete in this statewide competition. Placing 3rd in the state out of twelve teams was this year's livestock judging team. Under the leadership of Laura Schieber, this year's team excelled at the state level. Placing 8th individually was Levi Helmuth and 9th was Ben Johnson out of 59 individuals. Levi and Ben were joined by Joyce Wick and Wacey McMillen to complete the team. Job well done.

Receiving a State Ambassador Position was Katelyn Dynneson. Serving as the Richland County Ambassador for 3 years, Katelyn has displayed leadership not only to her club and county but now to 4-H statewide. Katelyn is one of 5 ambassadors that were chosen from a interview process that only selects the top members in the state to serve and a State Ambassador. Congratulations Katelyn!

Other members attending this year's congress include Erin Oliver, Katie Staffanson, Cindy Staffanson, Carl Redman, Megan Greenwood, Nettie Johnson and Alexis Dynneson. Members also participated in workshops around campus including a workshop that Ben Johnson helped teach on Hide and Seek with GPS. 4-H State Congress is open to any 4-H member 14 years old or older that qualify in a competitive event.



## Graduates Scholarships

The application deadline for scholarships is August 15th. Scholarships can be picked up at the Office or downloaded off the Web Site. This deadline includes the Swigart Memorial Scholarship, Pat Whiteman Memorial Scholarship, and livestock scholarships. Please make sure you turn your application into the office if interested.

## September Leaders Meeting

The next 4-H Leaders meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Library Basement. Election of new officers will be taking place along with . 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 to come out and participate in the work day scheduled for July 22nd at the Fairgrounds starting at **5:00 p.m.** We will be getting the grounds and buildings ready for the Fair and will conclude the day with a potluck diner. 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 **Richland Rockets, Three Buttes, and Valley View.** 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.

## Photography Workshop

There will be a workshop on July 20th from 2:00 - 4:00 at the library basement. Margret Bradley will be working with youth on taking pictures outside and how to prepare them for the fair. You will not want to miss it.



## Fair Schedule

### Tuesday, August 4, 2009

9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m Indoor Project Interview. Clubs will be advised of their sceduled time. (See pg 3)

### Wednesday, August 5, 2009

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

5:00 pm - 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 6, 2009

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 7, 2009

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 8, 2009

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

### Sunday, August 9, 2009

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.- Check out of all 4-H exhibits, including livestock

### Livestock Check-In

Check-In is from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5th 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 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. Feed & bedding may be unloaded Tues during the indoor judging or early Wednesday,

# 2009 FAIR WORK SCHEDULE

## 4-H Food Booth

Thursday, August 6th	
6:30am - 11:30am	Lambert Hi-Liters
11:30am - 4:30pm	Badlands Brushpoppers
4:30pm - 10:00pm	Yellowston/Forever Buds
Friday, August 7th	
6:30am - 11:30am	Brorson
11:30am - 4:30pm	Valley View
4:30pm - 10:00pm	Three Buttes
Saturday, August 8th	
6:30am - 11:30am	Missouri River Ranchers
11:30am - 4:30pm	Forever Buds
4:30pm - 10:00pm	Richland Rockets

## Food Booth Assistance Request

As in years past, we are anticipating running into conflicts with our work schedule during the livestock auction. If there are any of the 4-H Alumni or non-livestock families who would like to volunteer to help us out during this time in the food booth, we would greatly appreciate it. Next year it could be your club looking for help! The sale is Friday, August 7th starting at 4:30. If you can help, please call Marty Prevost 774-3344 or the Extension Office.

## 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 SuperPumper or 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.

## 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)
- 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.
- AC units **must** be turned off when the camper is unoccupied.

## 4-H Building Sitting Schedule

Wednesday, August 5th	
5:00pm - 8:00pm	Valley View Wrangler
Thursday, August 6th	
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Brorson
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Richland Rockets
Friday, August 7th	
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Missouri River Ranchers
4:00pm - 8:00pm	4-H Alumni
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Lambert Hi-Liters
Saturday, August 8th	
9:00am - 12:00pm	Three Buttes
12:00pm - 4:00pm	Forever Buds
4:00pm - 8:00pm	Yellowstone Valley
8:00pm - 10:00pm	Badlands

## Cleaning Schedule

<u>BEFORE</u>	<u>After</u>
July 26th - 5:00pm	August 9rd - 8:00am
Yellowstone Valley	Forever Buds
Badlands	Lambert Hi-Liters
Brorson	Missouri River Ranchers

**Exhibit Check Out:** Missouri River Ranchers  
**BBQ:** Forever Buds

## 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 4th

9:00 am Richland Rockets / Forever Buds  
 10:00 am Brorson / Valley View Wranglers  
 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

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?



## Jr. Trip Sign Up

Dates for the Jr. Trip are August 18 & 19th. We will be going to the Black Hills in South Dakota. This year's trip looks to be a great trip with plans to stay overnight. To qualify for this trip, you will need to have competed in a county contest; speech day, demonstration day, livestock judging, or fashion review. We need to know how many will be able to go so we can make definite plans. The last sign up day for the trip will be July 31st. We want to have all plans finalized prior to the fair, so please sign up early. This should be a very fun trip for those who have qualified.



Tri-County Cooking Camp

4-H Camp



# 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.

**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 5th, 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

We have set aside July 27st - 31st as Buyer Appreciation Week. 4-H members need to call the office by July 24th 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.

## Pre-Fair Poultry Meeting

There will be a Poultry meeting on July 21st at 7:00 p.m. at Girard Hall. Please bring your project book and at least 1 fair entry in a carrier. Any questions call Linda Simonson at 798-3672.

## Livestock Exhibitors Handbook

Everybody showing livestock will receive the new Livestock Exhibitors Handbook 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 Showmanship Clinic

There will be a Showmanship Clinic held at the fairgrounds on July 19th at 1:00 p.m. Rob Ammueller, who used to show for Beartooth, will be presenting. All livestock people are encouraged to attend and encouraged to bring your animals. There will be lots of useful information. Any questions call Tammy Dynneson 798-3661.