



Judith Basin County 4-H Fair News August 2008

Dates & Deadlines

August 6-9 - Judith Basin County Fair

Set-Up & Take Down

Everyone who participates in the fair is expected to help in set-up or take-down at the fair in order to receive premium money. ***NOTE*: The Exhibit Hall and Livestock set-up have both been scheduled for Monday, August 4th at 6:00 p.m.** When set-up is complete, there will be a BBQ Potluck with food, fun and festivities. Main dish will be provided. Utica Sapphire and Rocking JB members please bring a side dish; Geysers Lucky Clover, Stanford Scrambler and Independent members please bring a dessert.

Take-down for both the Exhibit Hall and Livestock will be Saturday after the market sale.

Project Books

Don't Forget! It is a requirement to bring your up-to-date and complete project books to your interview judging. Your books also need to be signed off by your leader prior to Wednesday of Fair week or you will not be allowed to participate at the Fair.

Food Booth

Any member who receives or expects to receive financial aid from the 4-H Council for trips, etc. must work in the food booth during the current fair. Please study the food booth work schedule in this newsletter, find your name and when you work. It is so important everyone works their shift to ensure good service at the food booth. If you cannot work your shift, please find your own replacement for your scheduled time and let me know.

Many parents are not on the schedule each year so when you are scheduled, we really count on you to be there. If for some reason you cannot make it, please be sure to find a replacement. Saturday is a very hard day to schedule as there are so many kids in animal projects. Please parents feel free to offer your assistance that day even if it's just for an hour.

Due to new laws with the Food & Sanitation Dept., we will cook all the hamburger at the food booth and then make sloppy jo's and taco meat. Clubs do not need to bring ice or hamburger this year. If you have any questions please let me know.

Thank you for supporting the 4-H food booth.

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ATTENTION: ALL 4-H CLUBS

Each 4-H club is responsible for a shift during the fair to monitor the Exhibit Building. An adult needs to be on each shift. This does not have to be a 4-H parent. The schedule is as follows:

Friday, August 8 ~

Noon - 2:45, Utica Sapphires

2:30 - 5:00, Rocking JB's

Saturday, August 9 ~

8:30 - 10:45, Stanford Scramblers

10:30 - 12:45, Geyser Lucky Clovers

Senior Recognition

Those members who recently graduated will be recognized in the sale arena prior to the sale. Please plan on attending to honor these members.

Fair Dress Code

The dress code for showing animals is the following: long-sleeved, light-colored shirt with a collar, dark pants, and boots (no tennis shoes).

Fair Interview Schedules

Check this newsletter for the Exhibit and Livestock interview schedule. If your scheduled time will not work, please call Janna at 566-2277 ext. 104 immediately.

Animal Drug Policies

Please remember our county Animal Drug policies listed in the fair book. If you plan to show and sell a market animal at the fair, you must bring a completed Livestock Drug Withdrawal Form at arrival time.

Livestock Check-In

Check in times for livestock on Thursday evening are as follows:

- ◆ Swine 5:00 - 6:00 pm
- ◆ Beef 6:00 - 7:00 pm
- ◆ Sheep 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Please try to cooperate with these times, as it makes for a safer and smoother running fair.

Stall Assignments

Our barn superintendents will be assigning stalls according to club. You will receive your stall assignments when you arrive at Livestock Check-In.

Barn Meeting

The livestock superintendents will hold a barn meeting for all livestock exhibitors after livestock arrival, in the wash rack area.

Livestock Checks and Thank You Notes

Livestock Market Sale checks will be available for pickup in the Extension Office in the weeks following the sale. Your check will be released to you **only** when you have delivered an addressed, stamped Thank You card for your buyer. Called in thank you's will not be accepted.

Changes to 4-H Livestock Sale

This year, all market animals will be taken to Stillwater Packing Company in Columbus to be harvested and processed. If buyers would like their animals processed elsewhere, they will be responsible for taking possession of the animal they purchased immediately following the Fair. They will also be responsible for making arrangements with the packing plant of their choice. This decision was made by the Fair Board this year in an effort to reduce transportation costs and the complexity of the situation involved with transporting animals to numerous destinations.

Youth will still receive carcass data and will be eligible for statewide carcass contests. The Fair Board will arrange transportation for live animals to Columbus. Buyers from previous years have already received a letter and sale brochure that mentions these changes, and an article was placed in the paper this week.

Please feel free to contact Janna at the Extension Office if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about these changes.

What Do I Bring to the Fair?

The following is a list of suggested items that 4-H members with livestock projects may find helpful. First year members may also want to consult with a more experienced member to find out what to bring along.

_____ Show Box (individual or share with other club members)

_____ Show and training halters

_____ Show Clothes

_____ Water buckets

_____ Show stick (beef) or cane (swine)

_____ Lawn Chair

_____ Hay

_____ Feed

_____ Feed pan

_____ Pitchfork

_____ Shovel

_____ Broom

_____ Wheelbarrow

_____ Nylon rope necktie for beef—ensures safety in case halter comes off while animal is in stall

_____ Grooming Equipment (may include electric clippers, scotch comb, soft bristle brush, blocking chute, curry comb, fans, hard bristle brush, show adhesive, hair spray, rubbing alcohol, mineral/baby oil, soap, dryer)

2009 Greytak Calendars

Order forms for Don Greytak calendars are available at the Extension Office. If your club or group is interested in selling them, please contact Janna for forms ASAP. Remember that you pay \$7.50 each and sell them for \$10. Calendars should be delivered at the State Leadership Forum in Great Falls at the end of September.

Christmas Tree Ornament Workshop

Christmas in August?? Well....kind of! As many of you know, Montana is providing ornaments for this year's National Christmas Tree that will be on display in Washington, D.C. The Judith Basin 4-H Council has purchased 80 metal ornaments through Diana Roen, and Diana has generously agreed to hold a workshop to help 4-H members paint and decorate the ornaments. The workshop

will be held on **Thursday, August 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse**. Please RSVP to Janna at the Extension Office if you are interested in participating in this great opportunity to promote 4-H at the national level.

Youth Leadership Positions Available

There are several youth leadership positions available on the MT 4-H Foundation, MT 4-H Council, and the MT 4-H Cabinet. Applications are available at the Extension Office, and are also posted on the MT 4-H Website at www.montana4h.org.

All applications must be sent into the State Office electronically from an Extension Agent's email. Please contact Janna if you have any questions or would like a form.

2008 4-H State Leaders Forum

The State Leaders Forum is being hosted by District 3 this year, and will be held at the Holiday Inn in Great Falls September 26-27. The theme of this year's forum is "Fall into Leadership," and there are a variety of exciting and beneficial workshops to choose from. Some highlights of the event include pre-conference tours of the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center, CM Russell Museum, or Malmstrom Air Force Base; and Leader College III Training.

The keynote speaker is Kim Gibbs from Stevensville, MT, who will help you "Stirrup Success" in your club and county. Cowboy poet, singer, storyteller, songwriter, and humorist TJ Casey will entertain participants at the Saturday evening banquet.

Early-bird registration received before September 2 is \$65.00 per person. After September 2 it will be \$70.00, and no registrations will be accepted after September 16th. Scholarships are available for first-time attendees through a grant from National 4-H and Monsanto.

Since this event is being held in our district, it would be great to have a lot of participation from our county. Teens are also welcome to attend. Please contact Janna for registration materials or further information.

GOOD LUCK AT THE FAIR!!

IMPORTANT FAIR INFORMATION INSIDE!!

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MSU/JUDITH BASIN COUNTY EXTENSION



Friday Night Dinner



August 8, 2008—5:30 p.m.
\$5.00 / plate
(Cash or Check only please)

Country Style BBQ Boneless Pork Ribs
Potato Salad, Baked Beans
Fruit Salad, Bars, and a Drink

CHARGING AT THE FOOD BOOTH



Once again any charging at the food booth will have to be pre-approved by Jessica and the parent. To do this we will again be asking for a signed blank check, made out to "4-H Council". At the end of the fair we will total all the charges and the amount will be filled in at that time. You may pick up your slips then or we can mail them to you upon request.

Thank you.

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