



Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

August 2011

Interview Judging Schedule

Enclosed with this newsletter is the schedule for interview judging. If you are not listed for a project and should be or if you have a cancellation, please let us know as soon as possible.

What is a "Completed Project"?

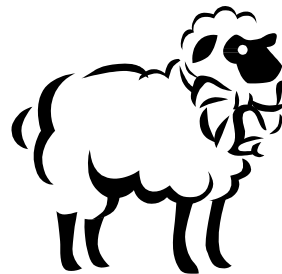
Soon after Fair comes the time to turn in record books. To receive credit at Achievement Day for project completion, the following guidelines apply:

- 1) Completed Record Books are required.
- 2) Project Activity Books are not required, but **strongly recommended**.
- 3) Showing or exhibiting at the fair is not required, but **strongly encouraged**.

Check out the activity guides and exhibits at the fair - you'll be glad you did!

Fair Notes for Livestock Exhibitors

1) MARKET LAMBS - Weigh-in will begin at 6:30 a.m. Friday morning. Market lambs will be tagged at weigh-in. **Market lamb exhibitors** are encouraged to "slick shear" their lambs prior to the Fair. **All sexually intact sheep and goats, regardless of age need to have a scrapie tag prior to being exhibited at the Fair. This includes ewe lambs exhibited in the market show!**



2) MARKET BEEF - STEER TAGS MUST be in your steer's ear when it comes to town. Pick up the **eartag for your steer** at the Extension Office (they will also be at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday

Calendar

August

9—8:00 am Fair Set-up
9:00 am Interview judging for all projects except food & garden

11-13—POWDER RIVER COUNTY FAIR

18—Carcass Show, 4:00 pm, Broadus Meats
25-28—Eastern Montana Fair
25—Organizational Meeting for Bug's Life After School Program, 3:30 pm
27—Champion of Champions Steer Show, Miles City, 6:00 pm

September

3-4—Annual PRQHBA Futurity Show and Sale
5—4-H's "Get Active with Healthy Living" registration deadline
28—MRT's "Writing Wild: The Adventures of Jack London", Broadus
30—State 4-H Horse Show, Miles City

October

1-2—State 4-H Horse Show continues
10—4-H Council Meeting, 5:00 pm

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during Interview Judging). Weigh-in will be at 7:00 a.m. Friday morning. If you have a steer, bring your bill-of-sale to the weigh-in. The brand inspector needs a bill of sale.

3) MARKET HOGS - Market hogs must be tagged before arriving at the Fair. Tags are available at the Extension Office. Hogs will be weighed on arrival at the fairbarn. **The large fairbarn is currently being reconstructed to provide stalling for the hogs.**

4) Sawdust for bedding will be supplied at no cost to livestock exhibitors.

5) Any animal not showing evidence of proper training or preparation may be removed from the Fairgrounds if requested by the Fairboard.

6) Livestock exhibitors are not permitted to use tranquilizers for livestock within 30 days prior to the Fair. Any drug used at the Fair must be administered by or under the direct supervision of a veterinarian.

Remember, NO STALLIONS at the Fair!

7) If you would like to take your yearling colts home, you may. **However**, horses that qualify for the Round Robin should stay at the Fair.

8) Horsemen - Check your Tack! Be sure the tack you're using is acceptable in your classes. Mechanical hackamores and roping reins are commonly used in ranch work, but

are not allowed in horsemanship classes. Read your manuals and the horse pattern information to determine what is acceptable before coming to the Fair. Otherwise, you may be disqualified from your class. **Viewing the "Every Time; Every Ride" video by a parent and exhibitor is required prior to riding at the Fair.** Equestrian helmets are available at the Extension Office for your use...stop by and try one on!

9) Fans needed! If temperatures are in the high 90's and into the 100's, please bring fans and extension cords to help cool your livestock.



10) Market Livestock Transportation and Advertising Assessment -- 2% will be deducted from all market livestock checks to pay for advertising, the buyer's appreciation barbecue and transportation to slaughter.

Market Livestock Buyer Invitations

Youth who are selling market livestock are encouraged to personally invite prospective buyers to attend. We send out an invitation from the Fairboard, but a personal one from you is much more meaningful. Let them know, too, of the "Buyers BBQ," a catered meal, free to livestock buyers, which will be served after the livestock auction near the Community Center.

Market Steer-Champion of Champions

Powder River County's Grand and Reserve Grand Champion steers will be eligible to compete at the Special Championship 4-H

Market Beef contest on Saturday, August 27th, at the Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City.

Hog & Steer Carcass Contests

The market steer and hog carcass show will be held at Broadus Meats on Thursday, August 18th at 4:00 p.m. All market animals destined for slaughter will go to Broadus Meats, Butcher Block or Quality Meats of Montana. Once again we will haul all market livestock out Saturday after the auction, so the barn will be emptied and cleaned Saturday night. **Youth MUST pass the BQA quiz before the Fair to participate in the steer carcass contest.**

Fair Entry Materials

If you don't already have one, pick up a Fairbook at the Extension Office along with your exhibit tags. Tags need to be attached to **each entry** prior to your interview. All 4-H items will be displayed in the North End of the multi-purpose barn and open class entries in the Community Center. Your Fairbook has the schedule for the Fair.

Dog and Cat Exhibitors

Proof of your animal's immunizations is required. Plan to bring it with you to your interview.



Fair Clean-up Responsibilities-Thank you for doing your part!

It takes each of us to create a great fair, and part of creating a great fair is keeping the fairgrounds clean. Enclosed with this newsletter is a list of each club's responsibilities. Thanks to each of you who has done your part each year. Keep up the good work!

Enter an Educational Display or "Pitch-In to the Powder River County Fair" Theme Booth

Has your club reserved space for an educational display or theme booth at the Fair? Clubs with educational displays can win \$15 for first, \$10 for second, and \$5 for third place. The club with the booth best decorated to the theme "Pitch-In to the Powder River County Fair" wins \$100. Second place receives \$50. Please let the Extension Office know by Tuesday, August 9th if your club needs a space for either. More information is available in the fairbook.

Bug's Life Organizational Meeting August 25th!

Be a part of this wonderful after-school program and attend the organizational meeting on Thursday, August 25th at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room. We need your enthusiasm and great ideas!

Champion of Champions at Eastern Montana Fair

The Eastern Montana Fair held in Miles City is offering their "Champion of Champions" contest again this year. Exhibits which receive the champion ribbon in specified classes at our Fair will be eligible for competition. A complete list of projects that qualify is on page 61 of the Powder River Fairbook. Exhibitors are responsible for entering and transporting their exhibits to and from Miles City, if they choose to participate.

Calling all Rednecks...a Rodeo Just For You! (Thursday, Aug. 11th)

Back by popular demand, the annual redneck rodeo will pit rednecks from around the county against each other. May the best team win! Events include hillbilly sledding, cottonpickin' clothesline, hick from the sticks cob shoot, bumpkin 6-legged race, frying pan hurl, warsher toss, redneck discuss and the armpit serenade. Teams are already signing up with great enthusiasm. The 4 person team must include one child under 12, one female, one male and another person of your choice. The first three places will win money!! Also, bring your fastest dog to the dog races after the rodeo. There will be three heats of dog races before the final big race.

The fastest two dogs from each heat will advance to the final race. There will be a calcutta of the dogs with 15 percent going toward the Fair Entertainment Fund.



Get Active with Healthy Living

Parents of 4-H youth ages 8 through 12 are invited to participate in this 10-month program. Beginning in September 2011 through May 2012, you'll receive an information packet that promotes good nutrition, physical activity and a positive body image. Participants must also participate in two assessment sessions and will receive stipends for their involvement. Contact the Extension Office to register. Deadline is September 1st.

State 4-H Horse Show Near YOU!

The Montana 4-H Horse Show is as close as it will ever be. The location is Miles City, and the date is September 30th through October 2nd. 4-H horse project members can test their skills alongside their peers from across the state in an educational and enjoyable competitive contest. Classes are offered to include nearly every aspect of the 4-H horse project as well as nearly every skill level of rider. Youth, ages 9-19 years old who receive a blue ribbon in their project class at the Powder River County Fair may enter and compete. Go to <http://montana4h.org>, under events to see a copy of the rule book. There is even a contest for those of you who love taking pictures of your horse. Check it out today!

"WRITING WILD: The Adventures of Jack London" - Theater production by MRT in Broadus

The Montana Repertory Theatre's (MRT) 50 minute one-man show, "*Writing Wild: The Adventures of Jack London*" offers a "hair bristling, mouth foaming, and a mad glitter in his bloodshot eyes" adventure. Hear French Frank, the gritty oyster pirate; Broken-Backed Ben talking about Sailor Jack; and others sharing the tales of America's greatest storyteller. You'll feel the fangs bite deep as you run alongside a boy who, by age fifteen, already looked on the world through the eyes of the wolf. The MRT production is scheduled for September 28th at Pastime Theatre in Broadus.

Show Us Your Show Animal Contest

Nasco is sponsoring a "Show Us Your Show Animal" contest that you might be interested in entering. Check out the link below - you'll need a photo of you with your show animal and a short essay. Entries are due October 3, 2011, and prizes include clippers and gift certificates to the Nasco catalog. The link for more information is

"A Penny Saved...." Poster Contest

Kids entering grades Kindergarten through 5th grade - here's a poster contest for you. Submission deadline is August 19th. Contact the Extension Office for the contest guidelines.

