



## Powder River County Footnotes 4-H News

# August 2010

### 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.

### Brush up your Skills at the Showmanship Clinic and Livestock Judging - August 4<sup>th</sup>

Attend the livestock judging competition beginning at 3:30 p.m., followed by the showmanship clinic at Tracy and Becky Anderson's place. Both activities are participatory...learn new skills that will help at the Fair.

### 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, August 13th. 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**

### Calendar

#### July

- 28 4-H Regional Small Animal Judging, Miles City

#### August

- 1 Gary Green Memorial Heifer Applications Due
- 3 Fairboard Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 4 Livestock Judging & Showmanship Clinic, Liscomb Mountain, 3:30 pm, Tracy & Becky Anderson's
- 10 8:00 am, Set-up North End of Fair barn & Community Center  
9:00 am, Interview Judging for all projects except Food & Garden. Schedule included.
- 12-14 **POWDER RIVER COUNTY FAIR**
- 19 Carcass Show, 4:00, Broadus Meats
- 24 Bug's Life Meeting, 3:30 pm
- 26-29 Eastern Montana Fair
- 28 Champion of Champions Steer Show, Miles City, 6:30 pm

#### September

- 4-5 Annual PRQHBA Show & Sale



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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 during Interview Judging). Weigh-in will be at 7:00 a.m. on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 old fairbarn**. The hog scale is near the hog pens in the old fairbarn.

**4) Where will the livestock be penned?** Hogs will be stalled in the Old Fair Barn. Beef, goats, sheep and horses will be stalled in the large Fair Barn. Rabbits and poultry will be stalled in the large fairbarn at the southeast end.

**5) Sawdust for bedding** will be supplied at no cost to livestock exhibitors. However, if you want EXTRA sawdust or straw, bring some along.

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

**7) 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!**

**8) 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.

**9) 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!**

**10) 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.

**11) 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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 - Check It Out!

### **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 "Ribbons, Rednecks and Rodeo" 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 "Ribbons, Rednecks and Rodeo" wins \$100. Second place receives \$50. Please let the Extension Office know by Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> if your club needs a space for either. More information is available in the fairbook.

### **Is there Life after Fair? Bug's Life Organizational Meeting August 24<sup>th</sup>!**

After Fair, it will be time to switch gears and began planning the annual Bug's Life After School program. Be a part of the program and attend the organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Meeting Room.

## **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. 12th)**

Back by popular demand, the annual redneck rodeo will pit rednecks from around the county against each other. May the best team of rednecks win! Events included bale tippin', redneck discus, hillbilly horseshoes, booty stomp, watermelon seed spittin' and the ultimate in entertainment, 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 fair. A dog race will follow the rodeo. There will be a calcutta of the dogs with 15 percent going toward the Fair Entertainment Fund.

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### **Leadership Opportunities for Teens**

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The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three differing governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) The Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Council. Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in expanding your leadership beyond the county level! Applications due Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>.

