

Little Fair - Big Fun!!!

August 2008

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders and Parents,

It's fair time again and this is the fair issue of the 4-H newsletter. In the newsletter you will find information on the time, date and place for the various fair activities. Also included is the 4-H food booth schedule. The 4-H food booth at the fair is the major fund raising activity for the Wibaux County 4-H Council. Every 4-H family is expected to take their turn working in the food booth and their help and support is deeply appreciated.

**Wibaux County
Extension Office**

Just as a reminder, everyone has to pay to get into the fair so if you are working in the food booth prior to the night show, rodeo, or demolition derby/bump-n-run, you will have to pay to get in. If you leave the fairgrounds before the event starts, you can get your money back. If you're planning to attend most of the fair, I would encourage you to buy a booster button. It will get you into all of the events at the fair and it is cheaper than paying each day.

Four-H member journals and project manuals; Youth Livestock Commitment to Excellence forms; Wholesome Assurance Statements; and Permission, Release and Assumption of Risk for Participation in Wibaux County 4-H Livestock Programs forms are due in the Extension Office by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8th**. In order to exhibit at the fair, 4-H journals must be complete up to the date they are turned in.

Four-H members participating in football or volleyball who need to be excused from practice during the fair must let their coaches know early in the week.

I seem to repeat this every year, but as we approach the fair, it is important for all of us to remember that our final product is not the championship trophy or purple rosette, but rather a confident, competent, 4-H member who has completed a project and participated in an activity. Our product in 4-H is youth development and our goal is to help youth succeed. Thanks to all of you for helping make this happen.

If you have questions about any of the items in this newsletter or if we can be of help to you in any way, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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RECORD BOOKS DUE

Friday, August 8, 2008

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LITTER PICK-UP AT THE FAIR

The Fair Board is again asking all groups participating in the Fair to help keep the litter picked up. The Civic Club is being assigned the arena and around the beer booth. The Knights of Columbus/Catholic Daughters and 4-H have been assigned around the bleachers, food booth area, and parking lot. The Knights of Columbus are being asked to pick up litter on Saturday and 4-H on Sunday.

4-H LIVESTOCK MANUAL REQUIREMENTS

REVISED 12/04

As approved by the 4-H Livestock Committee, 4-H members with livestock projects need to complete the following:

Level 1: Members need to complete 7 activities each year for a total of 21 activities over a 3-year period. After 3 years in Level 1, members must move to Level 2.

Level 2: Members need to complete 4 activities the first year, 4 activities the second year, and 2 activities the third year. After 3 years in Level 2, members must move to Level 3.

Level 3: Members need to complete 3 activities the first year, 3 activities the second year, and 3 activities the third year. After 3 years in Level 3, members must move to Independent Study.

4-H LIVESTOCK ENTRY BLANKS DUE

Friday, August 15, 2008

Four-H livestock entry blanks are due in the Extension Office by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 15th**. In order to exhibit at the Fair, you must have your livestock entry blank completed and turned into the Extension Office by this date. **For those of you who do not have an animal project, you will need to indicate which exhibit you would like to have interview judged.**

Just a reminder to livestock kids to be sure to enter yourself in showmanship, carcass, and the open class division as well as the 4-H division.

ATTENTION 4-H LIVESTOCK SALE PARTICIPANTS

4-H LIVESTOCK ITEMS

WEIGH-IN: Weigh-in of market animals will be from **5:30-6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 22nd**. Late animals will be given a 2% pencil shrink. Friday night's weights will be Sunday's sale weight. Market animals are to be unloaded on the east side of the show arena.

BILL OF SALE: A bill of sale is required for all market beef animals. A bill of sale is enclosed with the newsletter. Four-H members are reminded that in addition to the brand inspection fee, \$1.00 is also collected for the beef check-off. For those 4-H members selling market hogs, hogs will be checked off at the rate of .45% (45¢ on a \$100 hog).

STALL ASSIGNMENTS: All 4-H livestock exhibitors must notify the Extension office by **Friday, August 15th** as to how many pens and stalls they will need. Stalls will be assigned and the assignment sheet will be posted around the fairgrounds. It is the responsibility of all livestock exhibitors to keep their stalls neat and clean. Straw is being provided by Joe and Ardyth Barbour.

4-H LIVESTOCK PROJECTS (OPEN CLASS): Four-H livestock exhibitors must receive a BLUE ribbon in order to enter open class. Four-H members will not be allowed to enter open class unless there are open class entries other than 4-H.

SHOWMANSHIP: Showmanship will be judged as a separate class and will not be judged at the same time the animals are being judged. The showmanship divisions are determined by age. Four-H members who are 14 or older by October 1, 2007 should enter the senior division and 4-H members who are younger should enter the junior division. Please list the showmanship division on your entry form. Members showing more than one class of livestock must designate their 1st, 2nd, or 3rd choices for showmanship. All classes of livestock shown will be represented in the round robin. The Fair Board does ask that all livestock be kept out of the show arena except when being shown.

DRESS CODE GUIDELINES FOR SHOWING & SELLING LIVESTOCK: A long-sleeved white, colored, or print shirt and dark brown, black or blue western jeans, and western hat or bareheaded; no caps allowed. White clothing is suggested for contestants in dairy projects. No tennis shoes or thongs will be allowed. No patched, holes or baggy pants will be allowed. **This applies to both showing and selling livestock.**

CARCASS CONTEST: The carcass contest has been scheduled for **Thursday, August 28th, at 7:00 p.m.** Market animals taken to any of the following plants will be judged in the carcass contest: Golva Custom Meats in Golva, ND; Craig's Meat Processing Plant in Savage, MT; Erickson's Meat Market in Bowman, ND; or Triple T Specialty Meats in Glendive, MT. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the carcass contest. This is an excellent opportunity for 4-H members and parents to see how their animals finished.



INTERVIEW JUDGING

With the exception of those 4-H'ers with livestock/animal projects, all 4-H members are again being asked to interview judge in one project area using only one lot number of their choice. Interview judging will be conducted in the Quonset or Schoolhouse from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, August 22nd**. Four-H members will bring with them to the interview the project they wish to have judged. **Do not place your interview project on the shelves to be judged.** Four-H members are asked to interview at a time that is convenient for them. If possible, don't wait until noon. Please find enclosed a sheet which will help you prepare for your interview. Please remember to indicate on your entry blank which lot number will be interview judged. The following 4-H members are being asked to interview judge:

Courtney Adorni
Taylor Beach
Parker Begger
Chase Bertelsen
Cooper Lund
Abigail Miske
Jaycie Pinnow
Meriah Smith
Skyla Wamsley

4-H FOOD BOOTH

It's almost "Fair Time" again and planning has been underway for the 4-H Food Booth. Operated during the Fair, the food booth is the Wibaux County 4-H Council's main fund raising activity. This year, as in the past, the success of the food booth depends on the help and support of everyone to ensure another successful year.

The Food Booth Committee has really worked hard to schedule everyone to work at a time that will not conflict with their projects and other concerns. If you have a conflict with your time scheduled to work in the food booth, it is YOUR responsibility to find a substitute of your same age or older. We welcome both parents to help in the food booth if they are able to!!!

It is hoped that each year the operation of the food booth can be improved upon. If you have suggestions or complaints, please leave a note at the food booth during the Fair or contact a committee member. Problems and improvements can't be addressed if we don't know about them. (We like compliments too!!!)

If you charge at the food booth, please be sure to pay your bill by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Only 4-H members and families may charge. There will be a list of responsibilities posted for each shift.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Food Booth Committee. Thanks for your help. See you at the FAIR!!!

FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE: Lonnie Bacon, Chair
Natale' Adorni
Connie Begger
Jodee Chaffee
Judy LaBar
Kim Nelson
Jeannie Smith



INTERVIEW JUDGING FOR 4-H'ERS

Who knows more about your exhibit than you do? No one!!! That's why Wibaux County uses interview judging as part of their County Fair.

What is Interview Judging? Interview judging is a chance for you to visit with the judge about your exhibit, your total project and your ribbon placing.

Why Interview Judging? That's a good question. But it all goes back to the idea that you - the 4-H'er - know more about what you are exhibiting than anyone. Here's your chance to share what you see as the good points of your exhibit as well as what could be improved. Also, you will know why you received the ribbon you did.

Who will be your Interview Judge? Your judge will be someone who knows about 4-H and the project you are exhibiting. That person will also like young people and will be eager to visit with you about what you have done. Try to think about your judge as an interested friend.

How can you prepare? Think about the item you are bringing to exhibit. Review the steps you went through to complete it. Decide how it fits into your 4-H project. Have your leader, parents or friends ask you questions about your exhibit so you get used to talking about it.

What will you do? When you arrive at the show, you will receive instructions on where to go for interviews for your project. At the time you are to be judged, take your exhibit with you and go to the judging area. You may have to wait in line a few minutes. When your time arrives, walk up to the judge's table, sit down and smile. At this time the judge will begin talking with you and asking questions. Try to answer the question as completely as you can. If you've had problems, share them with the judge and discuss possible solutions. As you're talking, look at the judge. A judge wants to hear you and know exactly what you're saying.

What questions might be asked? There's lots of questions a judge might ask. A few possibilities might be:

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| *Where did you get your supplies? | *How much did it cost? |
| *How did you make this item? | *What steps were involved? |
| *Where do you plan to use this item? | *What help have you received from others? |
| *What was the most fun in doing this item? | *What were your problems? |
| *What more did you do in your projects? | *What would you like to do in this project area now? |

What ribbon will you receive? After talking to the judge, a decision will be made between the two of you about your ribbon placing. If you don't agree or have further comments, share your ideas with the judge.

What happens after judging? After receiving your ribbon, return your item to the display table. It will be viewed by many people who come to see all the 4-H exhibits.

How long will interview judging take? Your conversation with the judge will be very short. It will last from one minute for beginning exhibits to possibly five minutes for more advanced projects. It will go quickly so be certain to tell the judge as much as you can.

Interview judging is FUN!!! It's a chance for you to share your ideas, to learn how to improve and see what others are exhibiting.

Remember, NO ONE knows more than you do about your exhibit. Smile, relax and enjoy visiting with your judge.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND FROM 10:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

ServSafe Tips to Ensure Safety:

What is a foodborne illness? A foodborne illness is a disease that is transmitted to people by food. Most foodborne illnesses are caused by microorganisms (bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi).

How can food become unsafe? There are four factors that cause food to become unsafe: time-temperature abuse, cross-contamination, poor personal hygiene, and improper cleaning and sanitizing.

! Time-temperature abuse: Food has been time-temperature abused whenever it has been allowed to remain in the temperature danger zone. The danger zone exists whenever the temperature of a potentially hazardous food falls between 41EF and 140EF. Food cannot remain in that dangerous range for more than four hours.

! Cross-contamination: Cross-contamination occurs when microorganisms are transferred from one food or surface to another, carried by utensils, hands, or other foods. There are several ways to prevent cross-contamination: handwashing, proper cleaning and sanitizing, and properly storing raw food below ready-to-eat food.

! Poor personal hygiene: The biggest cause of foodborne illness is poor personal hygiene. People who don't wash their hands properly, or often enough, are the biggest risks to food safety. Other poor hygiene practices include: not covering cuts, burns, or sores; touching body parts; and wearing jewelry.

! Improper cleaning and sanitizing: When equipment is not cleaned and sanitized, food can easily become contaminated. No matter how carefully food is prepared and cooked, without proper cleaning and sanitizing people can still become ill.

Proper hygiene: Shower or bathe daily; Trim and clean fingernails; **don't** wear nail polish or false nails; leave jewelry at home; wear clean clothes; wear an apron. You should never eat, drink, or smoke while preparing or serving food.

When should I wash my hands?

- After you use the restroom
- Before and after you handle raw food
- After you touch your hair, face, or body
- After you sneeze, cough, or use a handkerchief or tissue
- After you smoke, eat, drink, or chew gum or tobacco
- After you use chemicals
- After you take out the garbage or trash
- After you clear tables or bus dirty dishes
- After you touch your clothes or apron
- After you touch anything that may contaminate hands
- After you handle money

Hands should only be washed in a designated handwashing sink.

Cleaning vs. Sanitizing: *Cleaning* removes food and other types of soil from a surface such as a countertop or plate. *Sanitizing* reduces the number of microorganisms on that surface to safe levels. Sanitizing takes care of what you *can't* see. Cleaning and sanitizing is a *two-step process*. Surfaces must first be cleaned and rinsed before being sanitized.

1.Clean surface with detergent.

2.Spray surface with sanitizer (1 Tbsp. Bleach to 1 quart water) and wipe; allow to air dry.

Let's Have a Safe Fair for Everyone!



Shear 4-H Market Lambs & Showmanship Clinic
Thursday, August 14, 2008

The date to shear 4-H market lambs has been scheduled for **Thursday, August 14th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.**

NOTE: The Livestock Committee has decided to slick shear the market lambs this year. Misty Steeke of Rhame, ND will help with the shearing. Four-H members with market lambs are asked to wash their lambs three times before the shearing. One of those times should be the morning of the shearing. Lambs should be washed with Dawn® dishwashing soap. The entire animal is to be washed, including their belly. Four-H members with clippers are asked to bring them.

The Showmanship Clinic, which is being sponsored by the 4-H Livestock Committee and the Eager Beavers 4-H Club, will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Classes will include beef, sheep, swine, and horse. Any 4-H member with a livestock project who would like to bring their project animal is encouraged to do so. We hope all interested persons will be able to attend.

The Eager Beavers 4-H Club will have concessions available for those attending.

ATTENTION: *The Showmanship Clinic is a county-wide event.* All 4-H members must participate in a 4-H county-wide or out-of-county event in order to exhibit at the fair.



**4-H Members needing a county-wide event
in order to exhibit at the 2008 Wibaux County Fair:**

Parker Begger
Quincy Efta
Dalton Miske
Zachary Miske
Jaycee Peltzer
Kali Petermann

Your last chance to get your county-wide event will be to attend the Showmanship Clinic on Thursday, August 14th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds.

**2008 4-H FOOD BOOTH WORK SCHEDULE
WIBAUX COUNTY FAIR**

Sunday, August 17th

5:00 p.m. -Clean & set up booth-**Food Booth Committee (Natale' Adorni, Lonnie Bacon, Connie Begger, Jodee Chaffee, Judy LaBar, Kim Nelson, Jeannie Smith)**

Friday, August 22nd

8:00-11:00 a.m. -Lonnie Bacon; Jeannie Smith; Debbie Weyer
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. -Aleta, Azhia & Jhett Quade
2:00-4:30 p.m.-CLOSED
4:30-7:30 p.m.-Jeff & Chase Bertelsen;
6:00-9:00 p.m.-Kathleen, Kaitlyn & Kylee Goroski; Abby Miske
8:00-10:30 p.m. -Gary Barnaby; Quincy Efta; Judy LaBar; Brent & Taylen Nelson

Saturday, August 23rd

6:00-9:00 a.m. -Lonnie Bacon; Tina & Taylor Beach; Jeannie Smith; Debbie Weyer
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. -Natale' & Courtney Adorni; Jim, Sandra & Jennifer Devine
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. -Evie Erickson; Evelyn Barnaby
2:30-5:30 p.m. -Gator Pinnow; Dalton Miske; Jaycee Peltzer
4:30-7:30 p.m. -Bob, Molly, LesLee & Teri Rogers; Parker Begger
6:00-9:00 p.m. -Steve, Melanie & Bob Lund; Rick, Kim, Olivia & Zack Miske
8:00-11:00 p.m. -Curt, Patti & Lexi Begger; Nancy & Sierra Jonas; Connie Begger

Sunday, August 24th

9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. -Jerry Begger; Carmen & Meriah Smith; Jeannie Smith
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. -Marguerite Parker
12:00-2:30 p.m. -Dave & Barb Maus; Sandra Devine
1:00-3:30 p.m. -Julie & Jaycie Pinnow; Jodee Chaffee & Skyla Wamsley
2:30-5:30 p.m. -Debby Gorrell; Heidi & Kali Petermann
4:00-5:30 p.m. -Food Booth Committee - (Natale' Adorni, Lonnie Bacon, Connie Begger, Jodee Chaffee, Judy LaBar, Kim Nelson, Jeannie Smith)

Fairgrounds Pick-Up: Meet at the food booth at 5:00 p.m.

Megan Begger; Cooper Lund; Kim & Vallie Nelson; Billy & Shelbie Teeters

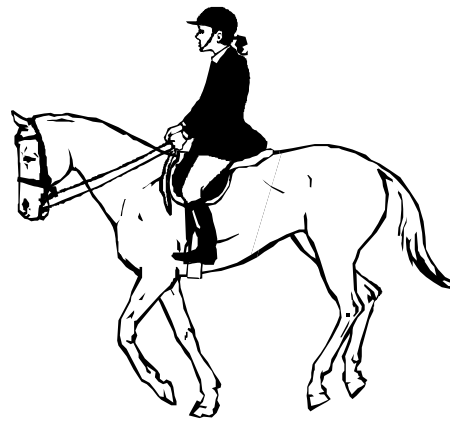
*****PLEASE***If you are unable to work your assigned shift it is your responsibility to find a replacement or switch times with someone. Your replacement MUST be at least 6th grade or older.**

*****ALSO***If anyone has free time and is willing to put in a little extra time in the Food Booth, please stop by the booth to see if they need help. We are a little short handed this year and any extra help would be greatly appreciated.**

**Montana State 4-H Horse Show
September 12-14, 2008**

The 2008 State 4-H Horse Show will again be held at the Sapphire Event Center in Corvallis, Montana on September 12-14. Registration forms are due postmarked no later than August 29th. No late entries will be accepted after September 5, 2008. The complete book and other forms can be found at this website: http://missoulaeduplace.org/4H_committees_other.shtml.

The 4-H Council does help cover expenses for those attending.



See you at the fall!!!