4-H FAIR EDITION NEWSLETTER

Fair Entries
Fair entries are due Wednesday, July 3rd by 11:00 pm. Fair entries are done online through FairEntry, http://broadwater.fairentry.com, using your 4HOnline logon. Page 4 of the 4-H Fairbook contains detailed instructions for how to enter the Fair. Please use the Fairbook as a reference to determine your entries and understanding rules. It has been emailed out and posted online. If you have any trouble or questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office.

Market Livestock Activity Requirements
To show and sell market livestock at the Fair all 4-H members must complete seven (7) “activity points” for each market project by the Fair entry deadline. One option is to complete 7 activities in your 4-H project book. The activities must be fully completed, dated and signed off by your helper. However, you may also choose other activities such as attending a workshop, livestock judging, outside shows, helping a younger member or organizing a workshop. For each of these items, you should write a paragraph about what you learned in that educational experience. Please use the provided form, which has been attached to the email newsletter to document your points. The form, books and documentation must be turned into the office by the fair entry deadline, July 3rd.

This rule applies to market livestock ONLY. This means animals sold at Fair and intended for slaughter. For all other animals (dog, horse, pet rabbits, laying hens, breeding animals, etc.) and indoor projects, this rule does not apply to you. No other books are due at this time. Your books need to be turned into your club leaders by September 15th.

Fair T-Shirts
If you would like a Fair t-shirt, but are not planning on exhibiting at the Fair, please send your t-shirt size to the Extension Office by July 3rd.

This includes Cloverbuds! Thanks to a donation from Northwest Farm Credit Services, t-shirts are provided to 4-H members at no cost. T-shirts are available for family members and leaders for $15 each, and orders must be made to the office by July 3rd. Payment prior to Fair is appreciated!

Overall Indoor Awards
Awards for 4-H indoor projects (including Cloverbuds) will be announced before the livestock auction at 3:30 pm on Saturday. All members with indoor exhibits are encouraged to be there!

A Letter from the Extension Agent
It's Fair month! Who's excited?! After setting another enrollment record, we have many new members again this year. If you’ve been in 4-H for several years, please take the time to mentor and help our newest members. They look up to you as a role model and want to learn from you. My favorite quote each year at Fair is that we would rather have blue ribbon kids than blue ribbon animals. Let's work together and make this a positive experience for everyone!

I also want to thank everyone for your patience with our office this summer. Katria will be back in the office on July 1st and establish regular office hours again. A big thank you to Tyler for helping hold down the fort the last couple of months! Please try to get entered for Fair early and don’t wait until the last minute with your questions. We are here to help and will get back to you as soon as possible! Also, don’t hesitate to use our amazing network of 4-H leaders!

Sincerely,

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**FAIR CONTINUED...**

**Setup & Cleanup**

Fair setup is on Monday, **July 29th at 6:00 pm**. All exhibitors are required to attend. One group will decorate the 4-H building for indoor exhibits and the other will setup the livestock barn. Cleanup is Monday, **August 5th at 9:00 am**. If you are unable to make it, a representative who can do the work may come in your place. If no one shows up, you will receive a **$75 fee** for each time deducted from your sale check.

**Indoor Auction**

Indoor exhibitors are welcome to participate in the 4-H Indoor Silent Auction at the Fair. It is open to any member (including Cloverbuds) who exhibit a usable item such as: leathercraft, woodworking, sewing, quilting, photos, etc. All proceeds go to the member. There is a two-item limit. Consignment forms are **due Wednesday** of Fair week. Food and animal items **may not** be sold. Photos cannot be framed for judging, but frames can be added after judging for the auction. Frames and matting will be sold with the photo.

**4-H Record Books**

All members selling market livestock are required to participate in an interview during Fair setup on Monday. An interview schedule will be sent prior to the Fair. Bring an up-to-date record book to the interview. Your interviewer will want to hear and ask questions about everything you learned in your project. A description of the record book forms is on the right. Forms are available on the county webpage or from the Extension Office.

If you are not selling market livestock, your record books aren’t due at Fair. However, this is still a good time to get them up-to-date and become more prepared to answer the judge’s questions at Fair. All record books are due to your club leader by **September 15th** (or an earlier date set by your club).

**4-H Parade Float**

All 4-H members, including Cloverbuds, are invited to join the 4-H float in the parade on Sunday of Fair. Please meet on the street near Townsend First Church at 11:30 am on Sunday. Wear your 4-H Fair shirt. Each club is asked to contribute one leader who can help ride on the float. Help is also needed to put decorations on the float. Bring your smile and have fun in the parade! Contact Samantha Ferrat at 949.0869 if you have any questions.

**Livestock Buyer’s Dinner Contribution**

Each family is asked to contribute $20 per family for the dinner, which can be **paid on setup night to the Livestock Committee**.

**Record Book Forms**

Forms can be found on the county webpage on the 4-H Forms & Resources section or from the Extension Office. You can either fill it in using the computer & save it throughout the year or print & handwrite it.

**Types of Forms:**

**My 4-H Year:** One form required each year at the front of your record book. This form summarizes your general 4-H activities & achievements. You can also record non-4-H activities.

**Animal Project Journal & Financial Record:** Use one form for each animal project (i.e. market lamb, breeding beef, rabbit, horse, etc.). This helps track project specific activities, feed records, financials, & health care.

**Non-Animal Project Journal and Financial Record:** Use one form for each indoor project (i.e. sewing, foods, leadership, leathercraft, etc.). This helps track your project specific activities & financials.

**Cloverbud Record Sheet:** 1 set per year for each Cloverbud. This is a journal of your 4-H activities.

**4-H Story:** Optional for yearend completion, but required to be eligible for awards. This is your opportunity to be creative & share a favorite experience from the 4-H year. This can be completed after Fair.

Record book covers are available from the office. Contact the office or club leader if you have questions.
Decorating, Indoor Committee, and 4-H Leaders Council

On Tuesday, July 23rd, there will be 3 meetings held in the Courthouse Basement Meeting Room. At 5pm: the indoor decorating committee will meet to create wheels and update the garland. At 6pm: Indoor Committee will meet. At 7pm: 4-H Council will meet. For questions, contact Karen Noyes at 406.949.4852 or Terri Howey at 406.581.6295.

**DID YOU KNOW?! - How To Get An Indoor Award At Fair**

The Indoor Committee uses a point system to determine indoor Fair awards based on the ribbons that you receive. A purple ribbon is worth 4 points, blue is 3 points, red is 2 and white is 1.

Certificates are given to the top 4-H junior and senior exhibitor in every project. Points are given for up to 5 entries/ribbons in every project. The more entries you do and the better you do, the more points you will get.

Medals are given in every 4-H project category for juniors and seniors. The project categories are listed both in the 4-H Clover and Fairbook. An example of a category is “Engineering and Technology” which includes the projects Aerospace, Bicycle, Electricity, Robotics, Small Engines, Welding and Woodworking. In this area, exhibitors receive points for the top 3 entries/ribbons in each project. All the projects in the category are added together and the exhibitor with the most points in the category will receive a medal. The more projects you do within a category, the greater the probability you will get a medal. Quality is important too!

An overall award is given to the top junior and senior indoor exhibitor. This award uses the top 3 entries/ribbons in every indoor project (including animal educational displays) for the overall award. This is another area where a greater number of indoor projects may yield a great likelihood of achieving the award. Quality is important too!

Indoor awards are a little complicated so if you have any questions, contact a member of the Indoor Committee or the Extension Office.

Livestock Committee

The next meeting will be Monday, July 8th at 6pm at the 4-H Building. The committee will be review livestock books and hold a regular meeting. Dinner is provided for anyone who comes to help! Please contact Jason Noyes at 406.949.4851 if you have any questions or concerns.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Dog Workshops

Every Wednesday until Fair, from 6:30-7:30 pm, all Agility and Obedience members will meet at Sorenson’s Arena, 200 Flynn Lane, Townsend, for practice. Please bring your dog with a leash and make sure they are up-to-date on their vaccines. For questions, contact Julie Flynn at 406.439.1471.

Rabbit Workshops

Workshops will be held on July 10th, 12th, 17th, and 19th from 5:30-7:00 at the 4- H Building. The workshops will focus on showmanship, so bring your rabbits! If you have any questions, please contact Katrina Warburton at 406.595.0402.

Horse Workshops

Meetings are held every Monday night at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds, through July 22nd. Call Jan Finn 406.266.4992 or Donna Richards 406.521.0717 for more info.

The horse project is holding a Ranch Horse Versatility Clinic on Saturday, July 6th at 1pm at the fairgrounds. The clinician is Tye MacDonald of Belgrade, Montana. Tye has trained and shown reined cow horses in Montana and California. Tye is a trainer, clinician, coach, and judge. He works with riders that want to improve their horses and their skills in everything from ranch work, trail riding, or in competitive events. The 4-H members will get tips on how to improve their skills for the 4-H Horse Project. To improve their skills and their horses’ skills. There is no cost to audit the clinic and 4-H, FFA, and other interested parties are encouraged to come audit.

Photography Workshop

The next photography workshop will be Sunday, July 14th at 1pm at the Senior Center. Members need to bring their project and record books, plus any photos they’re entering in fair. Cassie will have photo mats for fair entry pictures for purchase. $1 for 5x7 and $2 for 8x10. It would be very helpful if the members/parents could email or text Cassie at 439.1269 what they need (Black or White) so that she can put in an order.
**Shooting Sports Workshops**

**Small Bore Rifle (.22):** The .22 small bore group is on break until October. We’d like to thank Robert at Rocky Mountain Supply for donating ammunition; Virgil Binkley and the Broadwater County Rod and Gun Club for allowing us to use their facility and for the outstanding support they provided; and our participants and their families who made it another great year. We hope to see our group continue to grow in the fall and look forward to another exciting year. Please contact John Pavao at 406.422.9590 if you have any questions or need additional information.

**Shotgun:** Workshops are held on Monday nights at 5pm at the Canton Gun Range. Contact Liz Wishman at 406.980.1965 or Joe Horne at 406.202.2186 with questions.

**Goat Workshop**

A goat fitting and trimming workshop will be held on Saturday, July 20th at 2pm at the McDaniel Ranch (168 Lower Confederate Lane, Townsend). Bring your goats and get help clipping and trimming to get ready for Fair! Some equipment will be available, but bring what you have as well. If you have any questions or need directions, contact Tancy McDaniel at 406.980.0456.

**Gardening Workshop - Backyards of Broadwater!**

Whether you are in a gardening project or not, please consider attending a self-guided tour of Broadwater County community member’s yards and gardens. It is organized by Broadwater County Master Gardeners and the Extension Office. It highlights community members with unique and innovative landscapes and provides an opportunity to network with others and share the lessons learned along the way. Tickets are $5 per person and will go on sale on July 1st. They are available from the Extension Office. Hope to see you in the backyards of Broadwater County! [Click here](#) to go to the webpage.

**STATEWIDE ACTIVITIES**

**Richland County 4-H Jackpot Show - Sidney, MT**

Richland County 4-H will be hosting a jackpot on July 19th at the Richland County Fairgrounds. The jackpot will include market and showmanship classes for beef, swine, sheep and goats. The evening before on July 18th the Richland County 4-H Jr. Leaders will be hosting a showmanship clinic that is open to all and will cover showmanship of beef, swine, sheep, goat, alpaca and horse. You can preregister (postmarked by July 12th) for $10 per animal or enter for $20 per animal the day of the show. If you are interested in an entry form, please contact the Extension Office.

**Walleser Family Memorial Fund Mini Grants**

The grants are for 4-H members who need assistance with project expenses, or agents or leaders who need program support. The application is simple; one page information sheet, 4-H enrollment verification and essay. The essay includes information on the who, what, when where and why about their project or ideas. This is not a MT 4-H Foundation grant, so please direct questions to Audrey Walleser 406.855.8342. Grant applications are due September 3rd and will provide funding for the new 4-H year.

**4-H Shotgun Tournament**

Lewis & Clark County 4-H is hosting a shotgun tournament on Sunday, September 21st at the Helena Trap Club. The pre-meeting is at 9:30am and shooting starts at 10:00am. Entry forms must be postmarked by September 7th. The cost is $15 per event. Contact the Extension Office for entry forms and rules.

**4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals**

Registration is now open for the Working Ranch Horse Finals. This event will take place on August 24th-25th at King’s Arena in Great Falls. Event information can be accessed on the Montana 4-H State Horse Events [Facebook page](#).
**Montana Columbia Starter Flock Program**

If you are interested in starting your own flock of sheep, the Montana Columbia Sheep breeders have a starter flock opportunity for youth ages 11 - 16. Selected youth will receive four registered Columbia ewes. Details and the application can be found on the Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders [website](#) or from the Extension Office. Applications are due August 1st.

**4-H State Horse Show**

Will be held September 13th-15th at the Heart K Arena in Livingston. Event rules have been posted and registration will open soon. For more information, visit their [webpage](#).

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**NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL 4-H ACTIVITIES**

**Exchange Academic Year Programs (AYP)**

Host families needed for high school students from Japan, South Korea or Eurasia (FLEX program). Students are here from August 2019 through May/June 2020. Contact the Extension Office or Stephanie Davison at 406.994.3502 or [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) for more information.