

Welcome To The Northeast Montana Fair

On behalf of the Northeast Montana Fair Board and the Valley County Commissioners, we invite you to the 2011 Northeast Montana Fair.

We have accepted the responsibility delegated to us to provide you with this event which showcases the best of Northeast Montana. Our primary focus is education, a stimulated economy, and FUN! We are all optimistic that the 2011 Northeast Montana Fair will provide this environment.

Area talents are enjoyed by all fairgoers. We encourage everyone to participate in the 2011 fair by entering their livestock, artwork, handiwork, culinary efforts or gardening successes. The fair is about everyone in the area becoming involved as a spectator, 4-H member, exhibitor or local business.

Come and share wild adventures at the 2011 Northeast Montana Fair.

Valley County Commissioners

Dave Pippin, Dave Reinhardt, Bruce Peterson

Northeast Montana Fair Board

Doris Ozark, Fair Manager; Bob Hanson; Smiley Johnson; Larry Rasmusen; Willie Zeller; Jerry Arnold; Vicki Jernigan
The Valley County Fair Board takes this **opportunity to say "Thank You" to:**

- All the businesses, organization and individuals who sponsored ads, special awards or contests.
- The dozens of volunteers who spend hundreds of hours to bring you a quality Fair
- The Rodeo Committee for organizing the Rodeo and for all the work they have done on the arena
- Earl's Body Shop and Randy Isakson for managing the Demolition Derby
- All who share their talents on the entertainment stage
- All the individuals, clubs, organizations and businesses whose displays add to the attraction of the grounds and exhibit building
- All the superintendents, judges and clerks
- All the others who are not listed but add so much to the success of the Fair. **Thank You!**

The Northeast Montana Fair has become a tradition in the lives of the residents of Northeast Montana. The Fair Board takes pleasure in hosting this annual celebration and invites everyone to come, relax, visit, eat, enjoy, compete, and share your special talents while you experience the Northeast Montana Fair!

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The main purpose of the Northeast Montana Fair is to provide a forum for local participation, to provide an opportunity to celebrate culture and:

- To encourage development of agriculture through exhibits of livestock, crops and garden;
- To encourage the enjoyment of flowers through floral exhibits;
- To encourage the expression of creative abilities through the exhibits of fine arts and skilled handiwork; and
- To provide an opportunity to showcase culinary skills through culinary exhibits.

GENERAL RULES

1. Contestant must have an Exhibitor Number
2. Entry must be on Contest entry form – forms are available at the Fair Office.
3. Specific rules for each category are included in the fairbook.
4. Recipe must accompany food entries.
5. Entries may be submitted until 12:00 pm, Sunday, August 7th.
6. Rosettes are awarded by the Fair Commission.
7. Prizes are awarded by Sponsors.
8. Winning recipe will be published in the newspaper.
9. Entry becomes the property of the Fair Commission.

PREMIUMS

Premiums for ALL OPEN CLASS, 4-H DEPARTMENTS and FFA are as follows:

Blue Ribbon	\$5.00
Red Ribbon	\$3.00
White Ribbon.....	\$2.00

RULES AND REGULATIONS

READ CAREFULLY PLEASE

RULE 1 – GENERAL

The General Rules and Regulations which follow have been established for the protection and convenience of all concerned.

Sec. 1: The Fair Board reserves the sole and absolute right to construe their own rules and regulations and to determine arbitrarily all matters and differences in regard thereto.

Sec. 2: The Fair Board, its officers or agents will not be responsible for the loss of any article or animal exhibited at the Fair or while enroute to or from the Fair, nor will the Fair Board be responsible for safe return of any exhibit to the owner. Due care and caution will be exercised to prevent any loss.

Sec. 3: All exhibits on the grounds shall be under the control of the Fair Board. While every precaution will be taken for safekeeping of same neither the Fair Board, nor its officers or agents will be responsible in any case of loss, damage or accident that may occur.

Sec. 4: All property of any character entered for competition, display or other purposes on the Fairgrounds, shall be subject to the control of the Fair Manager, and shall not be removed until the exact time stated in the Premium Book.

Sec. 5: The Fair Board reserves the right to direct and regulate the parking of all automobiles or other vehicles or conveyances within the Fairgrounds, and to direct where they shall be driven therein. It may prohibit the use of automobiles in any section of the grounds, wherever in its opinion common safety demands it.

Sec. 6: Space is NOT provided for vehicles to be parked at your exhibit booth or building.

Sec. 7: All deliveries of supplies must be made before 11:00 a.m. Vehicles will be permitted on the grounds for deliveries during that time only.

Sec. 8: Alcoholic beverages are NOT ALLOWED on the grounds except in the beer garden.

Sec. 9: The Fair Board reserves the right to exclude from the Fairgrounds any person or persons whom it may deem undesirable or who shall violate any of the rules laid down by the management or shall otherwise become offensive.

RULE 2 – COMPETITIVE ENTRIES

Open Class competitive exhibits, School exhibits, 4-H and FFA exhibits are an important part of our Fair. You too can enter the competitive exhibits divisions. It's easy, very rewarding, and it's lots of fun!!!

Sec. 1: Competition is open to any resident of northeast Montana.

Sec. 2: Applications for entry should be made in triplicate on entry blanks furnished by the Fair Board. Entry blanks and entry tags must be complete before the Superintendent will accept the exhibit. **Entries forms are available at the Fair Office - Fairgrounds and the Extension Office in the Courthouse.** Pre-entry is encouraged anytime prior to entry day. **The sooner, the better.** No Entry Blanks will be accepted after 12:00 pm on Sunday, August 7, 2011.

Sec. 3: Every entry must be the work of the Exhibitor. Any misrepresentation of any exhibit, either by facts stated or omitted, will render the entry ineligible to compete and no premium awarded to such entry will be paid.

Sec. 4: All exhibits must be new this year except grain and livestock. Needlework and crafts must have been completed this year and not shown previously at this fair. Livestock may be entered year after year, as they often come in different age classifications.

Sec. 5: No Exhibitor will be allowed more than one entry per lot, except as specified in this Fair Premium book. If there is more than one entry per lot number, one entry will be disqualified. The exception is livestock - for specific instructions refer to the particular livestock division.

Sec. 6: MASTER and NOVICE categories are available in several departments: Needlework, Arts & Crafts, Culinary, Floriculture and Photography. The definitions of the categories are: **MASTER** refers to work produced primarily by: a) those who sell their work; b) those having a diploma, certificate, degree or three years or more of training; c) those who teach or have taught that category or d) those who have won two or more years in a lot. **NOVICE** refers to those who do not derive income directly from their work and have had little or no formal training in it. The novice generally does the work for the pleasure involved and is often referred to as a "hobbyist".

Sec. 7: Exhibits erroneously entered may be transferred at the discretion of the superintendent of the department, if done before premiums are being awarded by judges.

Sec. 8: ALL competitive exhibits MUST remain for the entire Fair. They may be removed after Tuesday, August 9 after 5:00 pm or the following week during regular business hours, or by making arrangements with the Fair office as to when someone will be available. Your cooperation is appreciated as it allows our Fairgoers to enjoy the exhibits also. If you do not see your item listed, please call the fair office.

Sec. 9: Pictures of all rosette winners will be taken Monday, August 8 beginning at 2:30 pm. The time for pictures is listed in the time schedule at the front of the book and in the schedule for each department.

Sec. 10: No entry fee will be charged exhibitors.

Sec. 11: "FOR SALE" signs or advertising can not be placed on any exhibit entered for competition.

RULE 3 – PREMIUMS

Sec. 1: Premiums will be paid according to the official award entered in the Judge's Record. Ribbons or tags will be considered when correcting any error in paid premium awards.

Sec. 2: Any errors in paid premium awards should be called to attention of the Fair Manager within 10 days of receipt of

payment.

Sec. 3: Open Class premium checks will be mailed to each entrant.

Sec. 4: The Valley County Fair Board will not be responsible for special premiums or awards being made by individuals or companies.

Sec. 5: No premium will be awarded nor shall any premiums be paid on any animals or article not mentioned in the premium book unless approved by the Fair Manager.

Sec. 6: No premium will be awarded for an exhibit not listed on the official entry blank.

Sec. 7: Premium checks must be cashed by December 31 of the year in which the fair is held. Any premium check not cashed by December 31 will be considered invalid.

RULE 4 – JUDGING AND AWARDS

Sec. 1: Exhibitors are invited to watch the judging of exhibits as long as they are polite and do not interfere with the judging or try to influence the judge. Much can be learned by listening to the judge's comments on the various exhibits. The judges are instructed to award prizes only when the exhibits merit that prize.

Sec. 2: Any exhibitor who attempts to interfere with the judges during adjudication will be excluded from further competition and will be asked to leave during the judging.

Sec. 3: A First, Second and Third place will be given in each lot number. **Rosettes will only be given if the judge determines that the quality of the exhibits merit a rosette.**

Absence of competition is not grounds for awarding a top prize or any prize to animal or other exhibit of inferior quality.

Sec. 4: Judges will report to the Superintendent in charge of the respective department, or the Fair Office, at 8:00 a.m. on judging day. Floriculture, Horticulture, and culinary arts will be judged Sunday, August 7th at 7:00 pm.

RULE 5 - PROTESTS

Sec. 1: All protests will be determined by the Fair Board, and must be made in writing to the Fair Manager.

Sec. 2: Protests against the exhibition of any entry must be filed, considered and determined before the lot is judged.

RULE 6 - SUPERINTENDENT

Sec. 1: Each Superintendent will have charge of the department assigned to him or her, subject to the orders of the Fair Management.

Sec. 2: A Superintendent or Clerk shall be on duty in each department at 8:00 am on Entry Day and at 8:00 a.m. on Judging Day. They should be on duty no later than 11:00 a.m. on other days. Exhibit buildings will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and all departments should be manned during these hours.

Sec. 3: Each Superintendent is charged with caring for and receiving the judge's book for the department with the awards duly and properly entered therein.

Sec. 4: All Superintendents are asked to file a full and detailed statement of their recommendations for future fairs. Claim blanks must also be signed at the Fair Office, on the fairgrounds, on or before the final day of the Fair.

RULE 7 - COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS

Sec. 1: Stalls, exhibit or concession space will be assigned to bonafide exhibitors or concessionaires only.

Sec. 2: Fees for exhibit spaces in buildings or lots controlled by the Fair Board will be made known on applications from the Fair Manager.

Sec. 3: Concessionaires are to confine their exhibits to the space assigned to them. They are not to infringe on traffic areas. **See General Rules for delivery times.**

RULE 8 - CONTESTANTS, WORKERS & CONCESSIONS

Sec. 1: All contestants and workers taking part in the rodeo must sign a liability release which applies to riders and anyone working around bucking horses and corrals during the Fair.

Sec. 2: Any mistreatment or extortion practices by any employee of the Fair or concessions should be reported to the Management at once.

Sec. 3: All dining halls, lunch booths, and refreshment stands must be kept neat and clean and must sell only wholesome food at reasonable prices. All employees must be clean and dressed neatly.

Sec. 4: Concessions of questionable nature or demoralizing tendency will not be tolerated on the grounds.

RULE 9 – LIVESTOCK RULES

Sec. 1: Persons desiring pens or stalls for livestock should contact the Valley County Fair Commission, 501 Court Square #17, Glasgow, Montana 59230, stating the number of stalls and pens required and the kind of stock to be exhibited or call the office at 228-6241. As far as possible livestock will be grouped in breeds and classes.

Sec. 2: All exhibits of livestock and contestants with horses must supply their own grain, hay and feed. The Fair Management will provide necessary water. Exhibitors of livestock must furnish their own containers for water and feed.

Sec. 3: All livestock exhibitors must wear an exhibitor number in plain view during judging.

Sec. 4: Exhibitor must be 11 years old by October 1 to show a Market Beef. An exhibitor 9 years of age may show at halter a Breeding Beef yearling heifer. However, the Beef Superintendents have the right to disallow an exhibitor from showing at halter, if it is deemed that exhibitor cannot handle the animal in a safe and satisfactory manner.

Sec. 5: No champion will be selected unless 2 or more animals are competing. No reserve champion will be selected unless 3 or more animals are competing. No champion will be selected unless the animal is of champion quality. This rule applies to all classes of animals.

Sec. 6: Minimum weight of Market Beef is 950 pounds; Market Swine, 175 lbs; and Market Sheep 80 lbs.

Sec. 7: Any bull shall be tethered securely at all times or with an attendant.

Sec. 8: The Superintendent may at his discretion pen off in security pens any animal which in his opinion might endanger fair patrons or exhibitors.

Sec. 9: After the judges have finished the judging, the exhibitors of livestock are encouraged to make use of stall cards or use their own signs.

Sec. 10: Exhibitors can remove animals on **Wednesday, August 10th**. Any exhibitor who removes their animal **before 5:00 pm Wednesday, August 10th** will forfeit all prize money and ribbons.

Sec. 11: Pictures of all rosette winners will be taken on **Monday, August 8th**, except small cage animals. If you received a rosette on your exhibit please meet in the area where your exhibit is on display and the Superintendent will have further information. A more detailed time schedule will be posted during the fair.

Sec. 12: Livestock exhibitors shall conform to the regulations of the Montana Livestock Sanitation Laws.

Sec. 13: Exhibitors must adhere to the Livestock Code of Ethics – See below

RULE 10 - LIVESTOCK CODE OF ETHICS

Believing it is in the best interest of all breeders of all livestock to maintain a reputation of integrity and to continue to present a wholesome and progressive image in the show ring, the Fair Board and 4-H Livestock Committee lists those practices which are considered unacceptable in presenting livestock in the show ring. The use of such practices and procedures is, therefore, considered unethical in the showing of all livestock at the Fair. The 4-H Livestock Code of Ethics applies to all livestock (open, FFA, and 4-H) shown at the Northeast Montana Fair. A copy of the 4-H Livestock Code of Ethics is available from the Extension Office in the Valley County Courthouse.

Sec. 1: Criticizing or interfering with the judge, other exhibitors or show officials while attending the Fair may result in an individual or group being expelled, placed on probation or declared ineligible to exhibit at the Fair.

Sec. 2: Any violation of the rules and regulations incorporated in this Premium Book, the Show Ring Code of Ethics and Junior Division Rules and Regulations may result in forfeiture of all premiums and awards, disqualification, expulsion or probation of the exhibitor or organized group the exhibitor represent and the exhibit or livestock involved. Probation, disqualification, expulsion, or other disciplinary action of the Fair Board and/or Livestock Committee is final. Such action will require application for readmission under such terms as the Fair Board and/or Committee may prescribe before the group or individuals are allowed to exhibit at future events.

Sec.3: It is the responsibility of the individual to be familiar with the Livestock Code of Ethics.