Prairie County 4-H Members and Leaders,

The New Year has arrived and brings with it some 4-H events. Please read your newsletter carefully so you don’t miss out on any opportunities.

Minutes are enclosed from the January 8th 4-H Council meeting. The Council meets every other month and is the organization that does the planning for 4-H on a county level. All 4-H members, leaders, and parents are welcome to attend 4-H Council meetings.

Our annual 4-H Fruit Sale is set to begin the week of February 25th. Each club will be assigned streets to sell on in Terry on Monday and Tuesday. After that, members may sell wherever they wish. This is one of two major fundraisers we have for 4-H and we ask that all members sell a minimum of 3 full boxes of fruit (meat and cheese sticks count as a ½ box of fruit). The money earned from this fundraiser pays for your project materials, record books, awards, and trips. As an added incentive, 4-H members earn $1 for every box of fruit they sell for their 4-H club and the top fruit seller gets a $25 gift certificate at Achievement Day.

Good luck in your 4-H work and please feel free to stop by or call the Extension Office with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Sharla Sackman
Prairie County Extension Agent
Prairie County 4-H Council Minutes
January, 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Prairie County 4-H Council, was called to order by President Holly Eaton on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Those present included Sharla Sackman and Amy Lewis; Kristy Shannon, Cougar Creek; and Christa Van-Dyke, Cabin Creek.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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**Correspondence:**

A $50.00 Memorial Donation was sent to the Ismay Church in Shawnee Fowler's name.

**Reports:**

The 4-H 101 presentation was held in the ITV Room at the school. Several families interested in 4-H attended the event. Kael Keltner and Jordyn Olson helped Sharla with the presentation.

9 Market Steers plus 1 extra steer were weighed in on January 6th. A LQA Workshop was held before weigh-in's.

Sharla reported that the Winter Workshop numbers were down a little, since the weather wasn't the nicest.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

The Year End Financial Audit will be ready soon. Amy will contact the Audit Committee when it's ready.

A Food Booth meeting will be scheduled for sometime in February.

**New/Ongoing Business:**

The upcoming Fruit Sales Fund Raiser was discussed. The following schedule was set: Sales Begin Date: February 25, Orders In Amy Date: March 11, Delivery Date: April 15. Holly will check with Lynn at Town Hall to make sure that we can use the Fire Hall to sort Fruit. We will need to check with Farmer's Union to see if they can unload the fruit.

All Events Day has been set for June 5th. Having a Jr Leadership Workshop during the day was discussed.

The Food Booth during the High School Rodeo was reviewed. The Council broke even during last year's event. It was decided that 4-H will work the booth only if no other groups are available to run the booth.

The Constitution and By-Laws were reviewed. Several suggested changes were made. These changes will be sent out to everyone to look over. If the changes are approved, they will be accepted at the next Council meeting.

Spring and Summer Workshop ideas were presented. A Coding and multiple Foods workshops will be offered after school this Spring. Several other ideas were brought up. An overnight Summer workshop was discussed, with different project options suggested.
Announcements:

Jan 15   Citizenship-Washington Focus registration Due
         Susan Dufner Scholarship (CWF) applications Due
Feb 1    People Partner Grant applications Due
March 21-24   REC Lab, Chester
April 1   4-H Scholarship Applications Due
June 11-13   4-H Camp
June 25-27   OREO Camp
July 11-13   Montana 4-H Congress
Aug 2-4    Prairie County Fair 2019

Next Meeting: March  Time:

Check Club Mailboxes

REMINDER: Turn in copies of club minutes as soon as possible after the meeting.
Fund raisers must be approved by the County Extension Agent.

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For members that are interested in filling out record book forms on the computer, the forms are located at the www.montana4h.org. Go to the “Resources” tab, then to “Forms” and at the bottom of the page “Record Books”. Save the form to your computer to fill out at your convenience.

4-H FRUIT SALE SCHEDULE

Monday, February 25 - Sale packets for members will be available from club leaders after school this day. Streets will be assigned by club and members may only sell on their assigned street the 25th and 26th. Beginning Wednesday members may sell on any street.

We ask that each member sell a minimum of 3 full boxes of fruit.

Friday, March 8 - Orders must be turned in to club leader on Friday or on the day your leader requests.

Monday, April 15 - Fruit Delivery Day (date could change due to delivery schedule) Leaders and parents are needed to box fruit at 1:00 p.m. at the Fire Hall. Fruit must be picked up by 3:30 p.m. as there is no place to store it.

Please deliver fruit and collect the money by the weekend and turn into your club leader no later than Wednesday, April 24. Checks need to be made out to “4-H Council”.

Teen counselor applications for 4-H Camp are included with this newsletter for teen members. Counselors are chosen from applicants from surrounding counties. First preference goes to counselors with one year of experience as a Camp Needmore counselor. Second preference will go to those applicants who are sophomore, junior or senior. Third preference to applicants who have served as a Camp Needmore counselor for 2 or more years or are a freshman. The number of counselors chosen will range from 16 to about 20. Applications are due in the Extension office on or before March 30.