4-H Members and Leaders,

Another 4-H year is underway! Thank you for turning in your enrollment forms. You will be soon getting your 4-H materials, so please be sure to review the project books carefully to make sure you have the correct skill level.

We have a fun workshop planned to get the 4-H year started. A 4-H Winter Fun Day will take place during the Holiday vacation from school on December 27th.

On Sunday, January 6th we will be having Livestock Quality Assurance Training & lunch (we will provide) at the Courthouse from 12:00-1:00 then we will head to the Grazing District Scales for the Market beef weigh-in from 1-2 p.m. We plan to take hip height measurements as well as weigh the calves. This will help you determine your calf’s frame score to determine their finish weight and what their average daily gain should be. It would be helpful if you could handle your calf a bit before the weigh-in day to help us get an accurate hip height. Call if you have questions.

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for January 8 at 1:00 p.m. at the Prairie County Courthouse. All 4-H leaders, members, and parents are welcome to attend.

Welcome to all our new 4-H families! We are happy to have you in 4-H in Prairie County. This newsletter is our primary means of communicating to you what is happening in the Prairie County 4-H program. Please feel free to stop by or call our office if you have any questions at all. We are happy to help you. There is no question is too small or too silly. (In fact, we are happy to get questions we can answer!!)

Good luck in the upcoming 4-H year. We look forward to learning with you!

Sincerely,

Sharla Sackman
Prairie County Extension Agent

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**Evelyn Cameron**

**Heritage Holiday Vendor Show**

We will be selling cookbooks!
Can you help us man the table?

Tuesday, Dec 4 ~ 5:30-7:00
Sunday, Dec 9 ~ 10:00 - 3:00
Sunday, Dec 16 ~ 10:00 - 3:00

**4-H Saleable Items**

Has anyone ever told you “You should sell that”
Well here is your chance!

We are offering 4-H Members the opportunity to bring in a saleable item to display & sell at our 4-H table.

Please bring your high quality, homemade craft items, baked goods, leathercrafts and more! Make sure they are priced and ready to sell!

If you have any questions please let us know!
4-H Market Beef Weigh-in & Livestock Quality Assurance Training

LQA Training will be held at the courthouse **Sunday, January 6th** along with lunch (we will provide) from **12:00 - 1:00** we will then head over to the Grazing District Scales from **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** for the Market beef weigh-in for the 4-H beef project.

Prairie County Livestock Policy states “Market steers must be in members possession on January 1. Steers must not weigh less than 500 pounds at January weigh-in and must weigh 1,000 pounds or more at fair weigh-in.”

All members wishing to be eligible for Steer of Merit need to be certified in Livestock Quality Assurance once as a junior member and again when turning a senior member.

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**Prairie County 4-H Council Minutes**
**November 14, 2018**

The regular meeting of, the Prairie County 4-H Council, was called to order by President Holly Eaton on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Those present included Sharla Sackman and Amy Lewis; Dawn Olson and Kristy Shannon, Cougar Creek; and Christa VanDyke, Cabin Creek.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**
- Checking: $3,489.75
- Livestock: 544.77
- Savings: Memorial: 2,485.75
- General: 6,625.95
- Total: $13,147.33

**Correspondence:**
- A Thank you note from Matty Sackman was passed around.
- The Montana 4-H Foundation update letter was reviewed.

**Reports:**
- Achievement Day went well, with a nice turn out.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**
- Holly and Christine will finish the Audit soon.
- Several Sound System options were discussed. Kristy made a motion and Dawn seconded it, allowing Sharla to get a Sound System if she finds one.

**4-H 101 Session**
- **Who:** Sharla Sackman
- **What:** Answering all your 4-H questions!
- **Where:** Terry School
- **When:** November 29 @ 3:30 - 4:30
New/Ongoing Business:

Beef Weigh-In's will be January 6th at 1:00 pm. There will be a Livestock Quality Assurance Training before Weigh-In's.

The Winter Workshop will be December 27th. The workshop will include Sewing, Coding, and Craft sessions.

It was decided that Club Officer Training will be done at Club meetings as needed.

Sharla will hold a 4-H Question and Answer session at the school on November 29th at 3:30 for new families or families interested in 4-H. Older members will be asked to join her.

It was announced that the 4-H Foundation License Plate incentive is being changed. The license plates will be offered to 4-H members instead of to the 4-H Council. The 4-H Council has done a drawing at Achievement Day for the License plate in the past. Dawn made a motion and Christa seconded it, to pay the $40 contribution for the Legislative Breakfast. It was suggested that Chay be the county contact, since he is an Ambassador.

It was decided that the Council will rent a table during the ECH's Craft Shows in December to sell the cookbooks. 4-H members will have the opportunity to sell items they have made.

There will be a Food Booth meeting in February.

Announcements:

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Next Meeting: January 8th       Time: 12:00pm

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.

Kristy Shannon

For members that are interested in filling out record book forms on the computer, the forms are located at the [www.montana4h.org](http://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.
Winter Fun Day!

The 4-H Council is hosting a Winter Fun Day filled with great activities for you to keep warm and cozy on a cold winter’s day!

December 27, 2018
1-4 p.m.

Community Presbyterian Church Basement

A fun filled afternoon of computer coding, sewing & arts & crafts!

Please register with the Extension Office at 635-2121 by December 20th if you plan to attend.

4-H members of all ages are welcome to participate, including Cloverbuds!