Members and Leaders,
Welcome to a new 4-H year! I look forward to a great year of fun and learning. 4-H is your organization. 4-H members learn leadership by conducting their own meetings and 4-H members and leaders determine the direction of the county 4-H program by attending 4-H Council meetings. There are many opportunities for 4-H members and leaders to gain new skills at project workshops, meetings, camps, and trips. Take advantage of all that you can.

We will celebrate your accomplishments in the 2017-2018 4-H year at Achievement Day on October 28th at 12:30 p.m. in the Bolin Multipurpose Room. Teen leaders will plan a fun afternoon and we look forward to everyone taking part!

Remember that the Extension Office is here to help you. Please don’t hesitate to call or stop by with questions!

Best of luck,

Sharla Sackman
Prairie County Extension Agent

The 4-H Council discussed the need for Livestock Judging Qualifiers to select a team for 4-H Congress if needed. It was decided that members who might be interested could attend judging competitions that would work for their schedules then scores from any of those competitions could be used to select the 4 man team. Below are a few of the upcoming fall competitions!

Fall Livestock Judging Contest - Baker - September 23
Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging - Sidney - October 7
FFA District Livestock Judging
Prairie County 4-H Council Minutes
September 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Prairie County 4-H Council, was called to order by President Holly Eaton on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Those present included Sharla Sackman and Amy Lewis; Dawn Olson and Kristy Shannon, Cougar Creek.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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**Reports:**

Amy reported that Food Booth Sales were down a little, from last year, but overall it did fine. Everything seemed to run smoothly.

Sharla reported that the Livestock Sale went well. Sale prices were up from last year. All of the buyers have paid for their purchased animals and the members have been written.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

Using refillable cups next year in the Food Booth was talked about again. The council will check into it more.

**New/Ongoing Business:**

National 4-H Week is October 7-13:

The theme this year is “Inspire Kids To Do”. Clubs will get $25 for doing something to promote 4-H during 4-H Week. Sharla will do a program at the After School Program.

There will be a Regional 4-H Day Camp in Glendive at the Fairgrounds on October 6th or 7th.

Achievement Day will be October 28th at 12:30 pm with a Potluck lunch, with Awards afterwards. Sharla will meet with the Team Members to plan the event.

Fall and Winter Workshops were talked about. Suggested topics were Sewing, Cooking, and Coding. If anyone has workshop ideas, please let the Extension Office know. A workshop will be planned for December 27th, during Christmas Break.

Different Livestock Judging Qualifiers were discussed. It was suggested that members could compete in different Competitions that worked for them and then a team could be built off of the scores. Two upcoming events are: Fall Livestock Judging Contest in Baker on September 23 and Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging Contest in Sidney on October 7th.
The Election of Officers was Held:

President – Holly  Secretary – Kristy
Vice President – Christine  Treasurer – Dawn
Audit Committee –

The Audit Committee will need to meet soon.

Announcements:

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<td>Sept 14-16</td>
<td>Montana State 4-H Horse Show, Livingston</td>
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<td>Sept 17</td>
<td>Record Books and Award Applications Due</td>
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<td>Oct 7-13</td>
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<td>Oct 28</td>
<td>Achievement Day 12:30 pm, Bolin Multipurpose Room</td>
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<td>Jan 15</td>
<td>Citizenship-Washington Focus registration Due</td>
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Susan Dufner Scholarship (CWF) applications due

Next Meeting:  November 14th  Time: 5:00pm

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. 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.

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2018 Achievement Day

Please join us for 4-H Achievement Day to celebrate your accomplishments in the 2017 - 2018 4-H year.

October 28, 2018
12:30 p.m.
Bolin Multipurpose Room

There will be a potluck meal followed by the program. Bring your family, friends and a dish to share to celebrate this fun event!
4-H Food Booth Report

Bring your ideas about the menu, shifts, pricing, efficiency, let’s make the 4-H Food Booth the best it can be!

2018 Food Booth Report

Income: $3,466.75  
Expense: $2,096.58  
Profit: $1,370.17

Livestock Sale Report

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With the new 4-H Year upon us I wanted to publish a copy of the yearly calendar as a refresher & for all our new families! *Some of these may be subject to change

4-H Calendar
(4-H year is October 1 through September 30)

October
National 4-H Week (First full week in October)
Achievement Day
NILE Livestock Judging

State:
4-H Ambassador Plans of Action due October 1 in State Office
4-H Ambassador Fall Training

November
1st Enrollment forms due in Extension Office for members and leaders
Clubs turn in list of officers and meeting dates for 4-H year
*TBA 4-H Council meeting

State:
Montana 4-H Foundation Awareness Month
MSU Ag Days in Bozeman

December
All project materials should be distributed to members by their leaders
Members have until February 15 to let the office know if they are missing any materials. After that there will be a charge for any materials needed.

State:
State 4-H Congress planning

January
1st Market beef, beef breeding and dairy project animals must be in member possession
*TBA 4-H Council meeting (includes review of Constitution and By-Laws)
TBA Market Beef Weigh in

State:
Alberta Leaders Forum (must be applied for in September)
Legislative Breakfast in Helena (during years legislature is in session)
1st Registration for Citizenship-Washington Focus due in State Office
Susan Dufner Memorial CWF Scholarship applications due in State Office

February
TBA 4-H Fruit Sale (starts with door-to-door sales in Terry on assigned streets–no early sales allowed)
15th Deadline to let the office know if project materials are missing

State:
1st People Partner grant applications postmarked

March
Fruit delivery
*TBA 4-H Council meeting

State:
15th Host Family Applications Due for all International Programs
Western Regional Leaders Forum
State 4-H Rec Lab

April
1st All horse project animals must be in members’ possession
1st State 4-H Scholarship & Awards applications due

State: 4-H Rec Lab for members 13 and older (possibly in March)
May

1st Hog project animals must be in member’s possession
TBA Hog Weigh-in
National 4-H Sunday (first Sunday in May)
*TBA 4-H Council meeting
4-H Camp & Oreo trip registration due in Extension Office
15th Stocker-Feeder members must have their calves identified with Extension Office

State:
1st New 4-H Ambassador applications and fees due
State Awards Selection

June

1st Last day to add and/or drop projects
1st Members enrolled in market lamb, rabbits, poultry and pocket pets must have project animals in their possession
TBA Market Lamb weigh-in
4-H Camp & OREO trip
Congress registration due
State:
Ambassador Pre-Congress Weekend applications due
TBA Citizenship-Washington Focus
State Ambassador Officer Applications due

July

*TBA 4-H Council meeting
15th Fair entries due
Interview Judging (Tuesday of week prior to Fair Week)
Showmanship Clinic (Usually on Interview Judging Day)
Small Animal Judging Day (Wednesday of week prior to Fair Week)
State:
4-H Congress (for members 14 and older)

August

Prairie County Fair
4-H Fair Food Booth (all 4-H families are expected to work in the booth)

September

*TBA 4-H Council meeting (includes election of officers & club assignments for the year)
15th 4-H Record Books and Award Applications due
Livestock Judging Contest — teams for the coming year are determined
(sometimes our own contest, sometimes go to Miles or Baker)
District Leaders Conference
State:
1st Nominations due for: Tribute to Volunteer Excellence
Black Hills Rec Lab
Old West Regional Range Judging Contest
State Leaders Forum—September or October
State 4-H Horse Show

*usually the second week of the month — day and times change