HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We look forward to spending time with all of you in the upcoming year.

January 15th 2018 Deadline
Steer / Heifer Tag and weight deadline

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Welcome New 4H Families
Happy New Year to all!

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Montana Winter Fair
Montanawinterfair.com

There are many events and competitions that you may want to participate in! We have fair books you can pick up in the Extension Office or go to the website for the complete schedule, descriptions and rules for each event and entry forms.

Entries/Registration due January 15
- Youth Beef Show- Feeder Steers and Heifers- show is Jan. 27
- Ranch Sorting Clinic- Jan. 19
- Ranch Sorting- Jan. 20
- Dynamic Web Marketing Workshop- Jan. 21 or Jan. 22

Fiber Arts Workshops
- Knitted Dish Cloth- Jan. 24
- Cabled Cowl- Jan. 25
- Baby Socks- Jan. 26
- Crocheted Pot Holder- Jan. 24
- Crocheted Boot Cuff- Jan. 25
- Felted Balls- Jan. 25
- Tatting- Jan. 25
- Needle Felting- Jan. 26

Fiber Arts Contest/Show
- Quilt Workshop
  - Free Motion Quilting Techniques- Jan. 26
- Quilt Contest/Show
- Fiddle Contest- Jan. 26
- Chess Tournament- Jan. 19
- Rabbit Confirmation Show- Jan. 26
- Rabbit Agility- Jan. 26
- Skijoring- Jan. 26

No Pre-Registration Required
- Farm Forum Day 1- Jan. 24
  - Marsha Goetting- Families and Legacies- Estate Planning
  - Marsha Goetting- Succession Planning for Farmers and Ranchers
- Farm Forum Day 2- Jan. 25

Montana Winter Fair   Jan 19-27

Fair books are now available, you can pick them up at the Extension Office. Or go to MontanaWinterFair.com
The Definition of Project Completion
Because every 4-H Project is a little bit different, it is often confusing what it means when we ask members to “complete” their projects each year.

Project Record
The one requirement that is universal is that you must complete the Project Record, either the Animal Project Record for ALL animal projects, or the Non-Animal Project form if the project does not involve caring for an actual animal.

Complete all information on the first page and record a minimum of three goals you want to achieve this 4-H Year that pertain specifically to this project.

Record at least three entries in “What I Did” AND “What I Learned”

Record all financial information.

Complete the financial summary at the end.

Workbooks
Most projects come with a workbook. If you read the first three pages of the book carefully you will find the YEARLY requirement for completion. In most projects, you are not required to complete the entire book, 7 activities per year is very common.

Complete the required number of activities as stated
If a number of activities is not defined, you need to define completion in your goals.

i.e. I will complete half of the Photography Book this year.

i.e. I will complete half the activities is the Horsemanship Level 1 this year and become competent at the first six skills on the assessment list.

Anytime you have questions about a project, feel free to contact us at the Extension Office and visit with the Leaders in the club.
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**Calendar 4-H Calendar**

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**Market Steer Rate-of Gain Weigh-In**

**Saturday, January 12th, 10 a.m. – noon, Gateway Simmental**

Any member with a market steer is welcome and encouraged to attend this weigh-in. This weigh-in is required if you want to participate in the rate-of-gain contest. Please call the Extension Office at 406-535-3919 if you have questions.
Meeting Dates to Remember

Miscellaneous Project Committee Meeting
Tuesday, Jan. 8
5:30 pm
Extension Office
This committee supports the following projects; Aerospace, Electricity, robotics, Small Engines, Woodworking, Entomology, Forestry, Outdoor Adventures, Shooting Sports, Sport Fishing, Wildlife, Wind Energy, Crop Science, Gardening, Range Science, Weed Science, Communications, Cowboy Poetry, Leather craft, Photography, theatre Arts, Visual Arts, Citizenship, Leadership, Service Learning, Bicycle and Exploring 4-H. Every club should send at least one adult or teen leader to the meeting. We will discuss project workshops we would like to offer this winter and we will review project material and answer questions anyone may have about projects or holding club project workshops.

Small Animal Committee Meeting
Saturday, Jan. 12
Noon
Eagles Basement
We will meet immediately after the workshop that day. All clubs with members in a small animal project should have a representative there. We will make plans for the spring showmanship clinic and fair.

4-H Food Booth Meeting
Thursday, Feb. 12
6:30 pm
Extension Office
The primary item on the agenda will be scheduling workers for the food booth shifts. We will also discuss hours the booth is open, and managers to train under Dorothy and Lisa at the 2019 fair.

Leaders Council Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 12
5:30
Extension Office

FCS
Date: Wednesday, January 23rd
Time: 4:30
Place: Extension Office
Will work on planning a possible spring workshop

Horse Project Workbook Day
Saturday, January 5th, 10 a.m. – noon,
Sherriff’s Complex in Lewistown
This is an opportunity for members enrolled in horse projects to work through their project books, in a setting where leaders and older members will be available to answer questions. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by calling 406-535-3919.

Livestock Committee Meeting:
The next Livestock Committee Meeting will be in February – the exact date is yet to be determined. If you would like to receive email communications for this committee, please call the Extension Office at 406-535-3919.

PUBLIC SPEAKING/GAVEL GAMES DAY
Sunday: April 7
Boys and Girls Club
Registration due: 5:00 P.M., Monday, March 29

All 4-H members are encouraged to participate in this event. It is fun, educational, and helps you develop a very important life skill - communicating effectively!! Seniors who earn a blue ribbon at county public speaking may attend State 4-H Congress in this event. Please register by March 29. Pre-registration is essential to help us plan the schedule. Registration forms will be in the next newsletter, or you may stop by the office to pick one up.
Welcome New 4-H Families

Welcome new 4-H Families! We are very pleased to have you in the 4-H Program and look forward to getting to know you and your children. This is your monthly 4-H News Letter, packed full of very important information. Please read it carefully with your children each month, so you don’t miss out on any great opportunities we have to offer.