4-H NEWSLETTER

December 5, 2017

Livestock Committee Meeting Dec. 18th 5:30 in the EEE room

There will be a Livestock Committee Meeting to decide on how to go forward with livestock project deadlines for this years' sale. The fair being a week early has affected our Animal Ownership due date (which are based on a certain number of days before the Sale). Many of the producers selling 4-H animals set their sale dates the same time every year (which is usually before our Animal Ownership deadlines so kids can get their animals and their information turned in on time). Not realizing the fair dates would change this year, some planned on previous dates and have already advertised for their sales (which will occur AFTER our due date). A decision needs to be made about how we will be handling this. If you want to weigh in, be sure to come to meeting. This will affect the sheep, goat, and swine projects.

2017 Greytak Calendars

Blaine County Journal has for sale 2018 Greytak Calendars $10.00 each you must purchase calendars @ the Blaine County Journal. Great Idea for that hard to buy for person, this is also a fundraiser for the 4-H Ambassadors so be sure to get one or two, 2018 will be here quicker then you think.

January Council Meeting

The January Council meeting is scheduled for the 8th, @ 7:00 pm and has been moved from Turner to the EEE room in Chinook. Please plan on attending this meeting.

Harlem Country Christmas Chili Cook off

Harlem Variety has invited all 4-H club members to join them for an evening of Christmas Ornament decorating. Sunday December 10th , from 3-7 @ the Vets. Club!! After Ornament fun check out some of the venders and have some Chili. Also... pictures with Santa!!

Sweet Nursing Home

Bazaar & Beef Stew Luncheon will be held on the 9th of Dec. from 10am-3pm. They have something for everyone!

CHRISTMAS TREES

North Chinook Boosters is selling trees again this year. Located in the corner building Next to the Mint Bar. Trees are Douglas Fir.
For more information call **406-357-8055**

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Special points of interest

- Plenty of actives around town to enjoy
- Must attend Livestock Committee meeting
- Calendar of events
- Animal ownership rules

1% Yearly Fee

The office is still waiting on 1% yearly fees from some clubs, please get them in soon.

Secretary Minutes and schedules

The office really needs *ALL Clubs* to have meeting minutes and new officers emailed into the office this helps us with information but also lets us know your club is meeting the required amount. Having trouble getting all your club members together for a picture? Up coming Christmas parties are a wonderful time to get club pictures– usually it's a good turn out.

White Pine: next meeting is a party

White Pine will be having meeting/Christmas party in the library meeting room on the 21st at 4:00 for all the White Pine members. There will be a potluck with Secret Santa gifts. If you can't remember who you have for your Secret Santa, email or Call Bobbi Klingaman. Remember to keep Gifts around 5-10 dollars at the most.

Shooting Sports

This year's Shooting Sports project has begun so if you think you are in this project but haven't heard from Dale Williams contact the office, to make sure you are in fact signed up. **Looking for Leaders:** If you are interested in being a certified Shooting Sports leader, please contact the Dale Williams or the Office. There are several trainings coming up. **December 8-9** in Baker or in Ennis (Archery only), **January 5-6** in Fairfield, and April **6-7** in Billings.

Also, there seems to be an extra Bow n Arrow, that isn't ours. If anyone has any idea where it came from, or you are missing one let us know.

Livestock Committee Meeting @ 5:30 pm on December 18th.

Project highlights

Shooting Sports

To enroll in 4-H Shooting Sports, youth must be nine years old on Oct.1 of the current 4-H year. The only exception is the BB Safety course which is open to those turning 8 by Oct. 1 of the current 4-H year. Shooting Sports is a safe, fun and challenging activity that can become a lifelong passion to be shared with the entire family. The safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment is the primary focus of the 4-H Shooting Sports Program. Members will improve their marksmanship skills, have the opportunity to compete, and learn self-discipline and personal responsibility. You will find BB gun Safety book on the website or stop in and we will make a copy.

Market Steer Ownership Deadline

In order to participate in the Blaine County Fair and Youth Livestock Sale, market steers must be tagged with an ownership tag provided by the Extension office on or before the **22nd of December**. You may weigh in and tag two project animals, one for show and the other a buddy. However you **must** keep records of both animals for project completion A buddy animal is the only animal that is allowed to be substituted in the case of illness or death of the primary project animal. A "family" buddy animal may be tagged provided it is cared for with the other project animals owned by the family. Only steers that are properly tagged, weighed, photographed and on file at the Blaine County Extension office will be allowed to sell at the Blaine County Fair Youth Livestock Sale. Market Steer and Buddy ownership requirements are as follows:

1. You must submit a picture of your steer and buddy steer if applicable.
2. Your ownership tag must be visible and readable in the photograph.
3. You must be in the photograph with your steer
4. You need to supply the Extension office with the beginning weight of you steer (and buddy) breed of your steer and breeder information of your steer.

Email all information to blaine@montana.edu.

Big Flat 4-H helps fix up Christmas lights in Turner!!

Big Flat 4-H did repairs to Turners Christmas Lights

At Novembers' Club meeting Big Flat 4-H took on the task of repairing the towns Christmas Lights. What a great idea to help out!! Feel free to send in what your club is up too. I took these off Big Flat 4-H Facebook page. If your club has a Facebook page let us know and we can post your pictures or just email me @ blaine@montana.edu, pictures and info. You and your club have done.

January Council Meeting

Coming in January is the Council Meeting, this is a good time for ALL leaders to speak and give ideas for the current 4-H year. If your not a leader and would still like to come, please do; the more the better. It will be in Chinook this time in the EEE room @ 7:00 on the 8th of January. We will be electing new officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer, or know of someone that you think would make a great addition to the Council, please come to this meeting. The Livestock Committee will be offering suggestions (from their December 18th meeting) for the problem with livestock project deadlines being moved due to earlier then usual fair, these deadlines will be before area sales have happened.

Cookie/Craft workshop is in the work... so keep watching your tidbits to learn more!

Did all your 4-H members re-enroll?

We have a few clubs that are down in numbers. At your next meeting, do be sure that your members have actually re-enrolled for this current year. I have a lot of members and *leaders* who have not re-enrolled yet. If you have not enrolled, please do so soon. We already have some project leaders wanting to know who is enrolled in particular projects. I am happy to reset your password for 4-H online if you can't get in, or we have plenty of forms in the office.

Thank you,

Blaine County Extension office

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MSU Extension is a statewide educational outreach network that applies unbiased, research-based university resources to practical needs identified by the people of Montana in their home communities.

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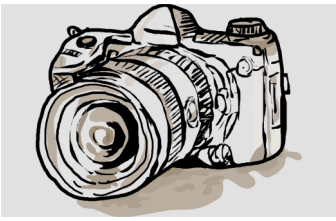

Old School

New School

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Shooting sports begin @ the Annex	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Harlem Variety Ornament Decorating 3-7	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 Christmas break begins for kids	23
24	25 Christmas	26 Extension Office Closed	27	28	29	30
31	2018	Last day of break back to School tomorrow	3			

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