Blaine County 4-H News

JANUARY 2017

Dear 4-H Members, Leaders, and Parents,

New Members to Blaine County 4-H

Alaster Fogg, Avery Fox, Brogan Zumbrun, Piper Fox, Hayden Paulsen, Kollin Gustitis, Kyra Berreth, Wacee Simenson, Johnathan Pursley, Julian Powell, Lynley Conrad, Alaster Fogg, Tucker Crawford, and Saraya Jones .

New Leaders

Jen Elias, Bobbie Shroder, Shannon Van Voast, Jen & Jason Metcalf and even more to come as soon as enrollment is complete (Be sure to turn in your paperwork).

What a great start to a new year!

Tuesday Tidbits: Our Weekly office correspondence which will include important information, due dates, and reminders . Some news can't wait for the monthly newsletter, so this will be a great way for us to keep you updated. If you or your club have any news to add to Tuesday Tidbits just email bjones@blainecounty-mt.gov by Monday @ 3 to get your announcement in that week's Tuesday Tidbits. This will be a great way for us here at office to keep in touch with leaders and members.

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Other useful resources:

MSU Extension Website:
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montana4h.org

Officer Training- 10AM-12:30PM - January 22nd

Meadowlark Elementary

There will be a 4-H Officer Training tentatively planned **January**. We would like to see all of our club officers from each of our 4-H Clubs attend this training. Not only will this be a great way to learn more about your office and what you'll be doing, it will also count as a learning activity that you can mark down in your Record Book! Please RSVP by Thursday, January 19th by contacting the Extension Office.

New Family Orientation- 10AM-12:30PM - January 22nd

Meadowlark Elementary

New Family Orientation is designed for all new 4-H Club members and their parents/guardians and anyone else who wants a little more information on how 4-H works. This is a great time to meet and talk with other new families and get to know the Extension agents. If you are interested in attending this New Family Orientation, please contact the Extension office by Thursday, January 19th

Cloverbud Camp - 10AM-12:30PM - January 22nd

Meadowlark Elementary

All of the Blaine County Cloverbuds are welcome and encouraged to attend this year's Cloverbud Camp, hosted by our Blaine County Teen Leaders! This is a fun and educational opportunity for our youngsters, a morning packed with fun workshops and activities. Lunch will be provided!! Please RSVP by Thursday, January 19th by contacting the Extension Office.

.**Important Enrollment Info– Everyone NEEDS to return these forms.**

The Extension office has mailed out packets to each family who has enrolled. (by December or January). This packet includes: a report from 4hOnline with all of your enrollment information and project requirements/information.

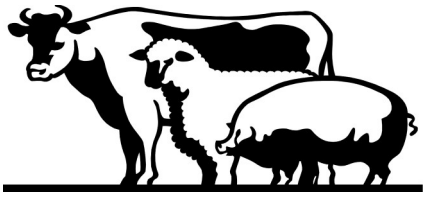
4hOnline report- Please check ALL of your information on your 4hOnline report for accuracy– The **top portion** will have your FAMILY information, **below** will list each 4-H member/leader, in your family, along with each of the projects they enrolled in and the years in the project. If it was marked that project materials were needed, they will be listed as well. Please check all of this information and make corrections if necessary. **Sign or initial it to verify– and return.**

Project Requirements- Take time to read over the project requirements, sign the LAST page and return it (along with your 4hOnline report) to the Extension office. Keep the actual project requirements so you can refer back to them throughout the year– only return the last page, which you signed.

You will also want to fill out the first section of your **My 4-H year** (name, age, years in school, etc., along with your projects and your three goals for this year), and your **Project Record Forms** (name, 4-H year, project name, years in project, and three project-specific goals for this year). Record Book forms can be picked up from the Extension office (color-coded Green, Blue, and Orange), or downloaded from our website: http://www.msuextension.org/blaine/RecordBooks.html If using the Record Book pages from the State 4-H website, make sure you include the "7 Activities page."

If you haven't already, coordinate with your club leader about ordering project books.

Market Animal Ear Tags



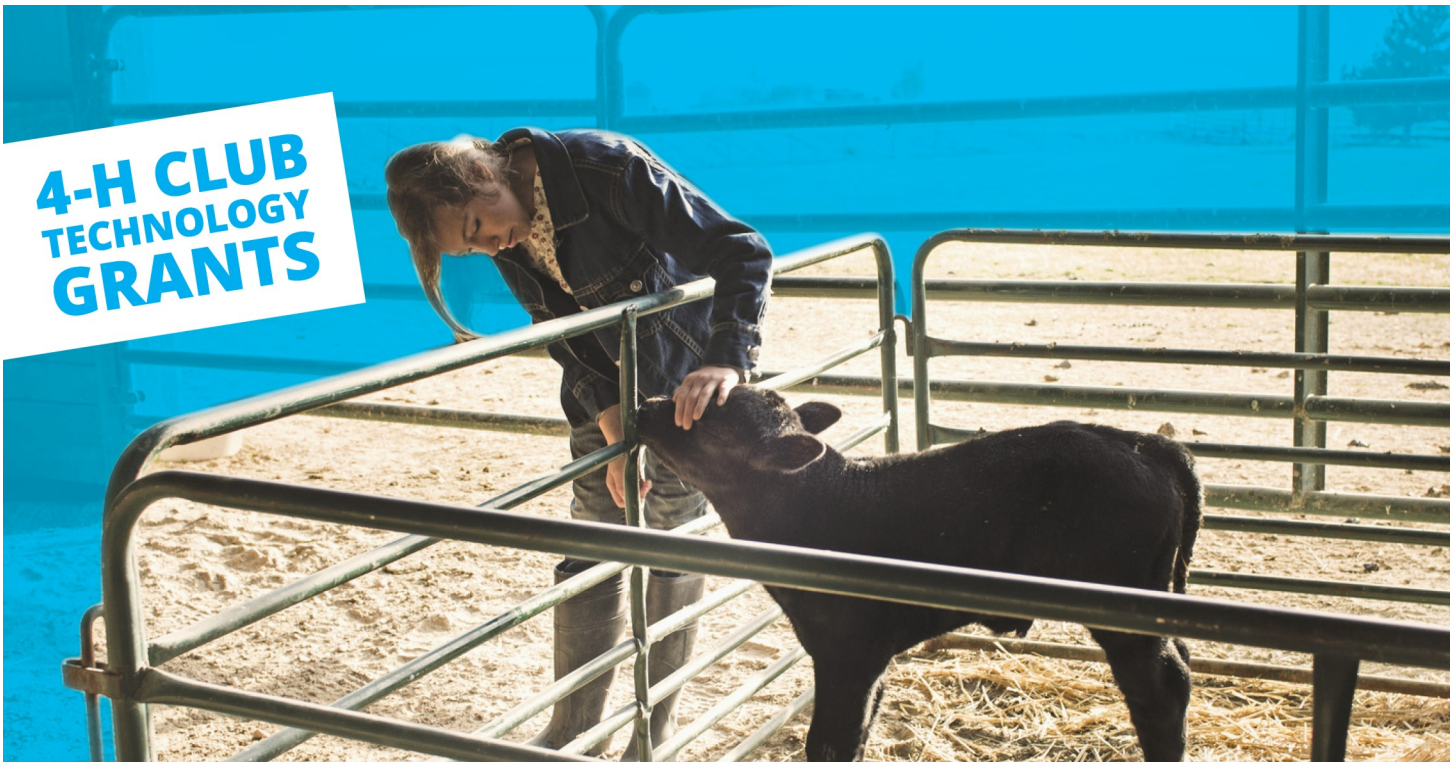
Ear tag numbers will be dispersed as people come in to pick up their tags. Each animal will have a different tag number, so those with more than one market animal will be assigned more than one number. Unlike in years past, tag numbers will be different from your show numbers (which will be generated through the FairEntry program as you enter for the fair).

4-H Leaders

We are in need of your expertise in teaching our youth all about their projects. If you are interested in teaching a workshop in any project area to our 4-H youth, please contact us.

4-H Club Technology Grant

Triangle Communications is offering monetary support to 4-H Clubs in the Triangle Service area working on Science, Engineering and Technology skills. Each grant is limited to $500 and up to twenty can be awarded each year. The application deadline is **February 1st**, and can be accessed through the following website: http://itstriangle.com/youth-support/4-h-support. Grant awardees will be notified by April 1st. For more information, please contact the Extension office, or contact Angela at (800) 332-1201 or email her at aallestad@itstriangle.com



4-H Club Minutes

Attention All 4-H Club Secretaries: Remember to turn in your approved minutes from your 4-H club meetings to the Extension office each month as soon as possible. You can email your minutes to blaine@montana.edu or hand deliver a printed copy to the Extension office as well. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date!

2017 Montana Winter Fair!
January 26th-29th—Lewistown, MT

Held annually in the Heart of Central Montana, the Montana Winter Fair is a celebration of agriculture, livestock and our "western way of life" here in The Big Sky and surrounding states.

With roots of origin going back to 1946, the Montana Winter Fair, was hosted every January in Bozeman from 1946 through 2002. In 2003, the fair moved to Lewistown, the geographic center of the state. Montana Winter Fair continues to grow each year with participants, young and old, from Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, South Dakota and North Dakota.

For more information on any of the events, seminars or competitions, email montanawinterfair@gmail.com or visit the individual event pages for specific contact information and registration forms.

Opportunities to Compete

Feeder Beef and Heifer Show, Ranch Sorting

Quilting and Needlework

Quick Breads, Dutch Oven, Cinnamon Rolls, Chili

Photography

Good Citizens Canine Course, Rabbit Agility

Arm Wrestling, Archery, Pinewood Derby

Fiddle, Stick Horse Rodeo

Opportunities to Learn

Farm Forum

Ranch Sorting Clinic

Fly Tying Workshops

Opportunities to Shop

Trade Show

Recreations - Repurposed, Refinished Items and Antiques

Opportunities to be Entertained

Concert

Old McDonalds Barn

January

Birthdays

Hannah Richman	Jan.	3
Lynley Conrad	Jan.	6
Clayton Sirucek	Jan.	15
Ashlea Schroder	Jan.	20
Jace Bemis	Jan.	24
Kade Friede & Ben Hofeldt	Jan.	26
Clara Laird	Jan.	31

Club Rotation Schedule

Club	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Bear Paw Buddies	Chuckwagon	Mini Congress	Achievement Night	Project Day
Big Flat	Trail Ride	Project Day	4-H Building	Achievement Night
Harlem Variety	4-H Building	Achievement Night	Chuckwagon	Mini Congress
Paradise Pals	Project Day	4-H Building	Mini Congress	Trail Ride
Valley Clovers	Achievement Night	Trail Ride	Project Day	Chuckwagon
White Pine	Mini Congress	Chuckwagon	Trail Ride	4-H Building

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STATE EVENTS:

Winter Teen Camp

Loon Lake 4-H Camp– Bigfork, MT
February 17-19, Cost: $75 for youth and Chaperones
Registration Due to Blaine County Extension **January 26th**

Every county is welcome to attend Ravalli County's Winter Teen Camp for youth ages 13-19 (as of Oct. 1st). Activities include fun workshops, private pool and gym at the athletic club, dance, and MORE! More information available in the Extension office and/or on our website. Registration forms and checks are to be returned to the Extension office, and then we will send it off to Ravalli County.

2017 4-H State Rec Lab- "It's a Jungle Out There"

March 31– April 2 2017, Miles City, Montana

Members who are 13 and older (by October 1, 2016), mark your calendars for this fun, informative, motivational event. Workshop Proposals are currently being accepted, so if you have a fantastic craft, science, recreation, or leadership activity you would like to teach, please contact the Extension Office for a proposal form, due December 15, 2016. We will have registration information in upcoming newsletters– along with on our website.

4-H Legislative Breakfast

Monday, January 30, 2017
Helena, Montana

If we have any youth who are interested, we will plan to tour the capital, watch a committee session, and attend both the House and Senate sessions before leaving Helena on Monday afternoon.

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