

# Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council | Meeting Notes – ANNUAL BANQUET

November 17, 2024 – 4 PM | First Christian Church, Lewistown, MT

**Call to Order:** The Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leader's Council was called to order by President, Corry Arntzen at 4:27 pm on November 17, 2024. 4-H Ambassadors led the Pledge of Alliance and 4-H pledge.

## Introductions / Attendance / Roll Call:

- Corry Arntzen - *Christina Busy Bees, President*
- Sonja Gregory – *Independent Leader, VP*
- Karly DeMars - *Christina Busy Bees, Secretary*
- Gisele Yaeger – *Christina Busy Bees, Treasurer*
- Shelly Van Haur – *Hilger High Goalers*
- Erin McCrea – *Hilger High Goalers*
- Linda Knerr – *Hilger High Goalers*
- Jada Bantz – *Big Sky*
- Yvette Hersel - *Creative Critters*
- Davey Storfa – *Independent Member, Ambassadors*
- Hailey Gallagher – *Creative Critters, Ambassadors*
- Tristan Gallagher – *Creative Critters, Ambassadors*
- Pat Gallagher - *Creative Critters*
- Kylie Crawford - *Creative Critters*
- Shawna Crawford - *Creative Critters*
- Nicole Tholt – *Winnett Shamrocks*
- Virgil Tholt – *Winnett Shamrocks, Ambassadors*
- Tom Tiarks
- Cheryl Tiarks
- Johnnie Schultz – *Winnett Shamrocks, Ambassadors*
- Amber Arntzen – *Christina Busy Bees*
- Cassie Yaeger – *Christina Busy Bees*
- Chris Yaeger
- Olivia DeMars – *Christina Busy Bees*
- Jordan Grindheim – *New Horizons*
- Tammy Grindheim – *New Horizons*
- Lexi Wichman – *Moore Barnstompers, Ambassadors*
- Jane Gregory
- Sterling Storfa – *Independent Member*
- Rob Curry – *Silver Spurs*
- Darann Curry – *Silver Spurs*
- Judy Martin – *Snowy Mountain Trailblazers*
- Chris England – *4-H Program Assistant*

## Secretary's Report / August Minutes

- Nicole Tholt moved to approve the minutes from August 27, 2024. Tom Tiarks seconded. Approved unanimously.

## Correspondence

- A thank you was received from the Fergus Petroleum 4H Senior Camping Crew for Leader's Council purchase of tents to use for camps.
- A thank you card was received from 4-H members thanking Leader's Council for their monetary support in attending Montana 4-H Congress this summer.

## Treasurer's Report – *handout attached to notes*

- Ending Balance as of 10/31/2024: \$123,401.05 (entire account)
  - Leader's Council account (as part of entire account) \$82,044.60
- Tom Tiarks moved to approve the Treasurer's report and file for audit; Amber Arntzen seconded the motion. Consensus approved Treasurer's Report approved and it will be filed for audit.

## Announcements

- Enrollment Deadline is January 15, 2025
- Project workbooks no longer a requirement for fair/project completion. Look at fair book for how to submit workbooks as a project submission at fair.

## Committee Reports - *see committee reports handout attached to notes.*

- **Food Booth:** A heartfelt thank-you to Yvette for her years of dedication and hard work managing the food booth.
- **Ambassadors:** The Ambassadors committee reported that they will continue many of the same activities as last year. They are seeking two additional Ambassadors, with the requirement that applicants must be at least 13 years old by October 1. Current Ambassadors include Hailey Gallagher, Davey Storfa, Virgil Tholt, Tristin Gallagher, and Lexi Wichman, under the leadership of Chris England and Nicole Tholt. A media training session is scheduled for November 24 at 2 pm at the Sheriff's Complex, hosted by the Extension Office. The session will focus on dress code, interview skills, and making a strong first impression.

- **State 4-H Leaders Council / Montana 4-H Foundation / Extension Office Updates:**

- Chris England shared updates from the State 4-H Leaders Council and the Montana 4-H Foundation. The council is being reactivated, with Nicole Tholt planning to apply for involvement. Leaders will attend all state events, such as Rec Lab and Congress, to educate and support volunteers. A volunteer summit is planned for February 2026.
- The 4-H Fundraiser through McDonald's Match raised approximately \$280, the second-highest total in Montana. Chris extended thanks to the three 4-H members who actively promoted the initiative, helping to make it a success.

### Special Committees

- Nomination Committee – Leaders Council Officer elections and representatives
- Awards/County Awards Program
  - Cassie Yeager gave a short overview of the 2024 county awards ceremony
  - Over 80 kids received county awards; over 200 kids completed 4-H year. Would like to encourage more 4-Hers to attend the event. The super buckle and small animal best of show buckles were presented.

### Old Business

- Independent Member proposal review – will be revisited in new business
- Endowment – was first discussed during a spring Leader's Council meeting. If there are interested parties or individuals interested in participating on a special committee, please step forward. Is there a deadline? No, but likely need to figure this out in the next 4-H year. We have been accepted with Central Montana Foundation.

### New Business

- Officer Elections
  - Foundation Representative: Yvette moved, seconded by Judy Gregory to nominate Amber Arntzen to represent Fergus/Petroleum 4-H on the Montana 4-H Foundation. Motion was approved unanimously.
  - Leaders Council Secretary: Nicole Tholt moved to nominate Karly DeMars for a second term as secretary. Cassie Yeager seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Budget Report/Approval – *handout attached to notes*
  - Added line items for coolers
  - Cassie Yeager moved to approve the proposed budget for the 2024/2025; Davey Storfa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Policy Change
  - Proposal to change the Roles and Responsibilities of 4-H members (section 7) to update: "*7) 4-H members (excluding seniors in high school or a homeschool curriculum – last year eligible for 4-H due to age) work a shift in the food booth during fair.*" This would make the 'senior' member's (described above) requirement to work the 4-H food booth during the fair optional.
  - Hailey Gallagher moved to accept the proposed change as described above. Jordan Grindheim seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Independent Member proposal vote – Corry read the summary produced by the appointed anonymous committee. (*handout attached to notes*)
  - Nicole moved to add the recommended bullet points for Independent members.
    - Under 'Members or Cloverbuds enrolling as "Independent" must meet the following requirements annually', the following bullets would be added:
      - *Submit a 4-H New Year Report to the Extension Office no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> (enrollment deadline). The New Year Report must list the Independent Members' goals for completion of following activities in the 4-H Year:*
        - *Community Service Activity – how will the member give back to the community?*
        - *Communication & Public Speaking – how will the members use communication skills to engage and/or educate non-family individuals?*

- *Engage in Learning and Relating to Self & Others – how will the member learn new skills? How will the member learn to respectfully work with others and work in a group setting?*
  - *Turn your record book in the Extension Office by September 1 for review by other Independent Member Leaders.*
    - *Parent/leaders for Independent member must participate in the review of other non-family independent member record books.*
    - *If only one Independent family exists, the Exec. Committee of Fergus/Petroleum Leaders' Council will be responsible for reviewing Independent members' record book for 4H year completion.*
- The proposed policy change was seconded by Johnnie Schultz. The motion passed unanimously.
- Funding Request for National Congress Participation
  - Kylie Crawford gave a short presentation on receiving a 4-H State Award, which makes her eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. National 4-H Congress is held in Atlanta the week of Thanksgiving. The anticipated travel costs are \$1,150. Kylie has already received \$300 from her club and has raised \$450 on her own from quilting projects. Chris England will be attending as a chaperone and there are 13 4-Hers representing Montana.
  - Hailey Gallagher made a motion to award Kylie Crawford \$400 for her National 4-H Congress travel expenses. The motion was seconded. During discussion, Yvette Hersel amended the original motion to specify that the funding come from the Youth Trips account within the Leader's Council account. The amended motion was seconded Tom Tiarks and was approved unanimously. The final amended motion passed unanimously.
  - Yvette Hersel then moved to an additional \$200 to Kylie Crawford for her travel expenses to National Congress, specifically out of the Congress travel fund. The motion was seconded by Judy Martin. After much discussion with positive support, the motion passed unanimously.
- No other new business was brought forward. A thank you was verbalized for Sonya and Chris for their organization of the banquet.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday, February 13, 2024

Adjournment was moved by Virgil Tholt and seconded by Davey Storfa. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

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*Meeting minutes submitted by Karly DeMars, Leader's Council Secretary*

# Fergus Petroleum 4H

## Statement of Activities

October 2023 - September 2024

	HORSE COMMITTEE	JUDGES FAIR	LEADERS COUNCIL	LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK JUDGING	SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE	STATIC PROJECTS	TOTAL
Income								
Direct Public Support	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$175.00
Calendar Income	0.00	0.00	390.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	42.00	\$432.00
Fair Judges Revenue	0.00	2,663.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,663.96
Food Booth Revenue	0.00	0.00	20,622.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$20,622.02
Fundraising	0.00	0.00	2,405.00	0.00	2,740.80	0.00	307.00	\$5,452.80
Individ, Business Contributions	2,511.00	0.00	9,929.59	0.00	227.00	6,521.80	120.00	\$19,309.39
Valentines Cake Drive	0.00	0.00	580.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$580.00
<b>Total Direct Public Support</b>	<b>2,686.00</b>	<b>2,663.96</b>	<b>33,926.61</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,967.80</b>	<b>6,521.80</b>	<b>469.00</b>	<b>\$49,235.17</b>
EIN Fee Income	0.00	0.00	336.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$336.24
Horse Sponsorship	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$100.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.01
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$0.01</b>
Livestock Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,207.16	0.00	3,200.00	0.00	\$4,407.16
Award Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	-6,345.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -6,345.00
<b>Total Livestock Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-5,137.84</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,200.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ -1,937.84</b>
Other Types of Income	0.00	0.00	552.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$552.11
Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	1,398.00	45.08	224.88	65.00	300.00	\$2,032.96
<b>Total Other Types of Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,950.11</b>	<b>45.08</b>	<b>224.88</b>	<b>65.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>\$2,585.07</b>
Program Income	80.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$80.00
Fair Late Fees	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$15.00
Horse Clinic	3,610.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$3,610.00
Membership Dues	0.00	0.00	211.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$211.44
Background Check	0.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$30.00
Cloverbud Dues	0.00	0.00	66.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$66.00
Leaders Dues	0.00	0.00	1,034.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,034.98
Member Dues	0.00	0.00	1,022.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,022.00
Online Fee	0.00	0.00	96.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$96.51
Plaque Income	0.00	0.00	13,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$13,700.00
<b>Total Membership Dues</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16,160.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$16,160.93</b>
Program Service Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Camp Fees	0.00	0.00	3,410.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$3,410.58
Newsletter Postage	0.00	0.00	48.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$48.00
<b>Total Program Service Fees</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,458.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$3,458.58</b>
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>3,690.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>19,634.51</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$23,324.51</b>
Static Project Program Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	265.00	\$265.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$6,476.00</b>	<b>\$2,663.96</b>	<b>\$55,847.48</b>	<b>\$ -5,092.76</b>	<b>\$3,192.68</b>	<b>\$9,786.80</b>	<b>\$1,034.00</b>	<b>\$73,908.16</b>

### Expenses

	HORSE COMMITTEE	JUDGES FAIR	LEADERS COUNCIL	LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK JUDGING	SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE	STATIC PROJECTS	TOTAL
4H Congress	0.00	0.00	2,164.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,164.00
Awards	831.20	0.00	1,310.46	2,805.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	\$5,496.66
Background Checks Expense	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$300.00
Calendar Fundraiser Exp	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,000.00
Camps	0.00	0.00	-155.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -155.00
Cloverbud Camp	0.00	0.00	209.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$209.66
Junior Camp Expenses	0.00	0.00	5,884.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$5,884.86
Senior Camp Expenses	0.00	0.00	2,219.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,219.45
Tweeny	0.00	0.00	2,364.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,364.96
<b>Total Camps</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,523.93</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$10,523.93</b>
Dues Expense	0.00	0.00	5,038.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$5,038.00
Fair Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
Food Booth Expenses	0.00	0.00	16,009.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$16,009.87
Foundation Donations	0.00	0.00	144.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$144.45
Fundraising Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	140.59	0.00	815.00	\$955.59
Horse Committee	-282.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -282.30
Awards	1,110.00	0.00	12.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,122.99
Horse Clinic	2,406.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,406.54
<b>Total Horse Committee</b>	<b>3,234.24</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$3,247.23</b>
Leaders Banquet	0.00	0.00	171.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$171.04
Leaders Training	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$150.00
Livestock Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	-6,991.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -6,991.05
Livestock Awards	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,971.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,971.00
Sale Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	352.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$352.60
Scale Fee	0.00	0.00	0.00	64.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$64.00
<b>Total Livestock Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-3,603.45</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$ -3,603.45</b>
Livestock Judging	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	559.08	0.00	0.00	\$559.08
Operations	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$5.00
Education Materials	0.00	0.00	1,253.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,253.00
Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$63.36
Software	0.00	0.00	456.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$456.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	352.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$352.06
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,066.06</b>	<b>63.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$2,129.42</b>
Other Types of Expenses	0.00	0.00	358.37	1,170.25	0.00	118.34	0.00	\$1,646.96
Approved Expenditures	484.54	477.83	3,374.82	9,378.54	60.00	4,927.16	330.00	\$19,032.89
ein Fee Expense	0.00	0.00	1,616.05	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,916.05
Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	0.00	381.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$381.00
Rec Lab	0.00	0.00	67.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$67.74
<b>Total Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>484.54</b>	<b>477.83</b>	<b>5,797.98</b>	<b>10,848.79</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>5,045.50</b>	<b>330.00</b>	<b>\$23,044.64</b>
Scholarships Paid	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$2,500.00
Small Animal Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	212.92	0.00	\$212.92
Improvements	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	221.91	0.00	\$221.91
<b>Total Small Animal Committee</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>434.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$434.83</b>
State Foundation Contribution	0.00	0.00	1,370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$1,370.00
Static Project Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	137.00	\$137.00
Travel and Meetings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00

	HORSE COMMITTEE	JUDGES FAIR	LEADERS COUNCIL	LIVESTOCK	LIVESTOCK JUDGING	SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE	STATIC PROJECTS	TOTAL
Conference, Convention, Meeting	0.00	0.00	108.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$108.55
Travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	652.98	0.00	0.00	\$652.98
<b>Total Travel and Meetings</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>108.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>652.98</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$761.53</b>
Youth Trips	0.00	0.00	3,207.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$3,207.45
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,549.98</b>	<b>\$477.83</b>	<b>\$51,874.78</b>	<b>\$10,113.70</b>	<b>\$1,412.65</b>	<b>\$6,030.33</b>	<b>\$1,282.00</b>	<b>\$75,741.27</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$1,926.02	\$2,186.13	\$3,972.70	\$ -15,206.46	\$1,780.03	\$3,756.47	\$ -248.00	\$ -1,833.11
NET INCOME	\$1,926.02	\$2,186.13	\$3,972.70	\$ -15,206.46	\$1,780.03	\$3,756.47	\$ -248.00	\$ -1,833.11

# Fergus Petroleum 4H

## Statement of Financial Position

As of September 30, 2024

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
First Bank	2,279.61
Ag Building Windows Checking	602.12
Grantier Memorial Checking	935.03
Horse Committee Checking	5,704.36
Jr Livestock Judging Checking	1,522.79
Judges Fair Checking	1,050.98
Junior Leaders Checking	230.52
Leaders Council Checking	82,915.60
Leaders Education Checking	1,646.09
Livestock Committee Checkin	-3,719.06
Pavillion Sound System Check	4,674.73
Restricted Livestock- Awards	4,691.54
<b>Total Livestock Committee Checkin</b>	<b>5,647.21</b>
Memorial Scholarship Checkin	5,413.61
Open Box Scholarship	1,000.00
Reisig Memorial	3,535.00
<b>Total Memorial Scholarship Checkin</b>	<b>9,948.61</b>
Shooting Sports Restricted	800.00
Small Animal Committee Check	4,040.14
Small Animal Awards	1,332.00
Small Animal Dog Account	2,300.00
<b>Total Small Animal Committee Check</b>	<b>7,672.14</b>
Static Project Checking	552.87
Western Heritage Restricted	700.00
<b>Total First Bank</b>	<b>122,207.93</b>
Savings Bonds	8,887.04
Wells Fargo	-338.57
WF Junior Leaders Checking	55.87
WF Leaders Council Checking	282.69
<b>Total Wells Fargo</b>	<b>-0.01</b>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$131,094.96</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$131,094.96</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$131,094.96</b>

## Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council Annual Meeting 2024 Committee Reports

### **Livestock**

This year was a year of change in Livestock Committee. We started the process of onboarding 2 new superintendents with Trevor Gervais as swine superintendent and Amanda Gillett as sheep/goat superintendent. With new personnel comes new ideas, one of these ideas was to revamp the pavilion set up for the 2024 Central Montana Fair. Policy changes that were brought forth and passed in November for next year's fair include: not conducting the Super Animal Awards. All other proposed policy changes were voted down.

### **Horse**

The horse committee passed the policy change that we will adopt the Montana 4-H State Horse Show rules and keep them up to date with the State rules each year. This will allow our kids to practice and follow the same rules as they would at the state level and not require them to learn a different set of rules each year. The second policy change that passed was to get an AQHA carded judge for both Ranch and Performance Horse. The committee is looking forward to clinics in the Spring for both ranch horse and performance horse. Fair this year went well and we are looking forward to the next year.

### **Static**

Early this year volunteers hosted several project workshops, and we are looking forward to providing that opportunity again this year. Fair went well this year with 313 static entries. Another successful indoor auction with Chris Miller as our auctioneer, and an increase in items and buyers. We had 53 register buyers, 27 items sold, and \$137.00 was the average per item sold. As a fundraiser we sold stickers that were designed by members in our 4-H community. We are still selling them at the office.

### **Food Booth**

The Farm to Table hamburger program continues to be a success and the community appreciates having great tasting hamburgers. Thank you to the generous donors – Wichman Herefords, RancHers- Mariah Shammel, Abby Majerus and Jessi Olson, Phillips Moccasin Mountain Beef, and Central Montana Cattle women. Yvette has already secured the donors for our 2025 fair. The Farm Bureau donated water again this year. The two new doors, updated electrical, lighting, and the new cement pad in front made a nice addition this year. We are also looking into replacing 2 of our freezers this year.



We are saddened that Yvette has turned in her resignation as Manager of the food booth, but we are glad she is willing to offer guidance and will be able to spend quality time with her daughter during the fair. Mindy Henderson will continue to manage the food booth but does need a co-manager. If you know of anyone looking for a summer job, please send them to the office.

### **Small Animal Committee**

The Small Animal Committee hosted their annual workbook workshop, extending it to include large animals. The workshop was well attended. The showmanship clinic was held at the small animal barn and ran by members stepping into leadership roles, sharing their knowledge and passion for the project. The committee was pleased with the judges they had for all the species and felt like the kids received good feedback from each of them. The dog project obtained some new equipment thanks to a very generous donor and her company. The best in show received a buckle with their name and their animals' name on it thanks to previous sponsors. The showmanship winners received engraved water bottles and embroidered blankets thanks to our repeat generous sponsor. The agility classes in both rabbit and dog once again received metal plaques donated by the Tholt family. The kids are so grateful for the added prizes. The small animals had a photographer this year and it was well received by families. The committee passed 3 new policies. The first is to add a pen of 2 broilers to the market lot. The second is to break market classes into species specific (turkeys, hens, meat, and ducks) and the third a member may only show their own animal and make ID cards required and due to the office by June 1<sup>st</sup>, exceptions to be approved by the committee.

### **Extension Office**

We welcomed our new FCS/4-H Agent, Riley Larson, in June. She has been getting her feet under her by taking the lead with the Horse Committee and will be transitioning into Static as the new year begins. We have been working with Judith basin planning the tweeny and senior camps. Enrollment is well underway, and we have many new families joining our awesome 4-H community. Our office is looking forward to an amazing new year.

	<u>FY 23-24 Budget</u>	<u>FY 23-24 Actual</u>	<u>Proposed 2024-2025</u>	
<b>Public Revenue</b>				
Greytak Calendar Income (net)	\$ 500.00	\$ 390.00	\$ 750.00	Effective 24/25 Budget-reflects gross
Fundraisers	750.00	2,405.00	500.00	
Leaders Education Fund Valentines Cake Drive	650.00	580.00	600.00	
Food Booth Revenue (net)	5,000.00	20,622.02	20,000.00	Net in the past-changing to be income & expense
Individual & Business Donations	3,325.00	5,649.59	1,300.00	includes clovers TSC
Memorial Donations	500.00	2,780.00	1,300.00	Howard Kolstad, Sam Short, Tanna.
Grants	-	1,500.00	1,300.00	Jaycees, Foundation
MT 4-H Foundation Plaque	4,000.00	13,700.00	1,300.00	2 years
<b>Total Public Revenue</b>	<b>14,725.00</b>	<b>47,626.61</b>	<b>27,050.00</b>	
<b>Program Income</b>				
Fair Late Fees	25.00	45.00	-	
Camp Fees, Congress	5,000.00	3,410.58	3,500.00	
Membership Dues	2,500.00	2,460.93	3,500.00	
<b>Total Program Income</b>	<b>7,525.00</b>	<b>5,916.51</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	
<b>Other Revenue</b>				
EIN Income	-	336.24	-	From Ind clubs - Expense below
Other types of income	-	1,968.11	-	Fraud, Reimbursement -Legislative breakfast
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	350.00	-	-	
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>2,304.35</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 22,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 55,847.47</b>	<b>\$ 34,050.00</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>				
<b>Expensesfrom Public Revenue</b>				
Greytak Calendars Purchase	-	1,000.00	500.00	
Leaders Education	1,000.00	258.55	1,000.00	
Food Booth Expenses	-	16,009.87	16,500.00	2 Freezers needed, Effective 24/25 budget -reflects actual
Scholarships	-	2,500.00	1,000.00	
Foundation Contribution (Plaque)	-	6,330.00	-	
<b>Total Expenditures-Public</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>26,098.42</b>	<b>19,000.00</b>	
<b>Program Expense</b>				
Member dues/insurance		2,158.00	2,100.00	American Ins/MT 4H Foundation
4H State Congress	2,000.00	2,164.00	2,000.00	
Camps	6,000.00	10,528.93	7,500.00	
Youth Trips (Rec Lab)	1,780.00	3,275.19	4,780.00	+Rec Lab
Background Checks Expense	500.00	300.00	500.00	
Leaders Banquet	-	171.04	500.00	
<b>Program Expense Total</b>	<b>10,280.00</b>	<b>18,597.16</b>	<b>17,380.00</b>	
<b>Operations</b>				
Awards	1,750.00	1,323.45	1,750.00	
Education Materials	1,500.00	1,253.00	1,500.00	
Fair Expense	200.00	-	1,600.00	
EIN Fee Expense	1,100.00	1,616.05	1,800.00	Leaders Council + Ind Clubs
Postage	200.00	-	200.00	
Software	500.00	456.00	1,455.00	
Printing & Copying	-	-	-	
Supplies	200.00	352.06	200.00	
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>5,450.00</b>	<b>5,000.56</b>	<b>8,505.00</b>	
<b>Other Expenditures</b>				
Legislative Breakfast	250.00	-	350.00	
Other types of expenses	-	2,178.64	-	
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>2,178.64</b>	<b>350.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>16,980.00</b>	<b>51,874.78</b>	<b>45,235.00</b>	

## Proposed Changes to Leaders Council By-Laws 2023 part 2

Proposed changes are in red

### \*Amendment XX ARTICLE XV

#### Requirements for Independent Members

Members or Cloverbuds enrolling as "Independent" must meet the following requirements annually:

- A parent or guardian must enroll and pay dues as a 4-H Leader
- Pay yearly membership / Cloverbud dues and family postage fee (if desired communication method)
- **Submit a 4-H New Year Report to the Extension Office no later than January 1<sup>st</sup> (enrollment deadline). The New Year Report must list the Independent Members' goals for completion of the following activities in the 4-H Year:**
  - **Community Service Activity – how will the member give back to the community?**
  - **Communication & Public Speaking – how will the members use communication skills to engage and/or educate non-family individuals?**
  - **Engage in Learning and Relating to Self & Others – how will the member learn new skills? How will the member learn to respectfully work with others and work in a group setting?**
- Pick up items at least monthly from your mailbox in the Extension Office
- Work a shift in the 4-H Food Booth during Fair
- Have current Food Safety Training
- Have TQA if in a Livestock or Small Animal Project
- **Turn your record book into the Extension Office by September 1 for review by other Independent Member Leaders.**
  - **Parent/leaders for Independent member must participate in the review of other non-family independent member record books.**
  - **If only one Independent family exists, the Exec. Committee of Fergus/Petroleum Leaders' Council will be responsible for reviewing Independent members' record book for 4H year completion.**