4-H Families,

I am sending positive thoughts and hoping you are all enjoying some good, fun, family time. The sun is shining, and we are so lucky to live in a place where it is still safe to go outside and enjoy some fresh air and MOVE! That being said, please take care of yourselves, stay home- or close to home, and practice this thing called social distancing. We used to say, “don’t get in my bubble”.

MSU has mandated that 4-H group activities are to be suspended through April 10 and any events that would potentially draw 50 or more have been canceled through May 1. These dates are reassessed weekly. I would not expect them to be changed to early dates, but they may be moved back if the Coronavirus is does not seem to be under control.

I hope you have all been able to continue individually with your project work. If you ever have any problems or questions, please call, one of us will help or we will find someone that can help you. We are so fortunate to live with the technology that is available and access to so many great resources! Let us know if you are missing any books or records, we will get them in the mail to you.

Don’t forget that you can access the online 4-H Record Keeping system at https://4h.zsuite.org I have sent out instructional pdf sheets that are also available on the Montana 4-H website https://www.montana4h.org Go to RESOURCES then RECORD BOOKS scroll down to ONLINE RECORD BOOK RESOURCES on the right side with ZSuites under it.

Extension Office will be Closed until April 10

There is a black plastic box by our front door if you need to drop something off. If you need to pick something up, it will also be put in the box. One of us will check in daily to clean out the box and send things out or put things in the box as needed.

If you need to contact any of us please feel free to call our cell phones.
Jennifer 406-366-1677
Denise 406-350-2285 or home 406-567-2489 she does not get cell service at home
Emily has her office phone when you transfer to her to automatically switch to her cell.
4-H Project Drop or Add Deadline – April 1

It is time to look at your projects and decide if you are going to be able to complete all of them this year, this includes doing the records and the required activities in the workbook. If you are not realistically going to complete a project, now is the time to get on 4honline and delete the project. I would also appreciate it if you will return any unused project books.

If you have completed a project level, please be in touch with your club leader or Jennifer. It may be over the phone, but we can assess if you have completed all the requirements for that level and give you the go ahead to delete that level and move up to the next.

4-H Enrollment Grace Period Ends April 15

Please, if you know of any families that have not completed enrollment and want to join this year, have them give Jennifer a call and I will help them get enrolled for the year.

County Public Speaking Day and Gavel Games

At this time we have left the dates the same; Registration due April 10 and the contest April 19. We would not hold the awards assembly and ask members to just come and present. We would do a lot of wiping and cleaning throughout the day. BUT this event is definitely on the list to be postponed if schools are not back in session. Please go ahead and register, prepare and practice, you will be ready for an event later in the spring or summer.
**Horse Committee**
The horse workbook workday originally scheduled for April 7th has been CANCELLED. If experienced horse project members have interest in helping younger members, please contact the Extension office, because we have many online video conference resources we may be able to use for a virtual workbook day.

**Ranch Horse Clinic**
Scheduled tentatively for Saturday May 2nd. This may change as more information is provided regarding COVID-19.

**Horse Fundraiser**
The Horse Committee is asking each member enrolled in a horse project to fundraise $50 worth of sponsorships by June 1st to support the 4-H Horse program. Details and sponsorship forms were emailed to all club leaders and horse members. Please see the form in this newsletter, or call the Extension office if you need additional forms.

**Livestock Committee Meeting**
Due to COVID-19, the Livestock Committee Meeting scheduled for April 6th at 6pm has been moved to a conference call format. This will be a shortened meeting to discuss the most essential business items.

The conference call phone number is 1-406-323-9800, and the password is 6313535. Please email Emily at emily.standley1@montana.edu if you plan to attend this conference call.

**Total Quality Assurance**
Members who plan to show livestock, poultry, or rabbits at the fair are required to have updated TQA training every 3 years. Club leaders were sent information on which members need to take the class in 2020. Please RSVP to the Extension office for the date you plan to attend.

Due to COVID-19, we are moving all future TQA classes to an online format. Please check your emails in the next couple of weeks for more information, and please notify the Extension office if you do not have internet access to complete the training.
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**Calendar 4-H Calendar**

**May**
- 1 Fair Entry Begins
- 15 Lamb and Goat Weigh, Tag and Photo Deadline

**June**
- 1 Fair Entry Deadline
- 1 4-H Dog Fun Match, 4:00 Workman’s Shop
- 1 Small Animal Showmanship Clinic, 5:30, Eagles Basement
- 17 4-H Outdoor Project Day
- 22 Camp Counselor Day at Jr. Camp
- 23-25 Jr. Camp (Members up to 11)

**July**
- 11 Food Booth Workday, 9:00 AM
- Small Animal Barn Setup, 11:00 AM
- 14 Pre-Fair Interview Day, Cat & Pocket Pet Shows
- 15 4-H Ranch Horse Show
- 17 4-H Horse Show
- 20 4-H Dog Show, Foods & Gardening Interviews, Rabbit Show, Pavilion Setup
- 21 Rabbit & Poultry Shows, Livestock Check in
- 22-25 Fair Week

**Sept.**
- 1 Record Books due to club leaders
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 Newsletter, 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.