**Beef Tags Are Ready**

It’s hard to believe, but it’s already that time of year again! Members can pick up their steer and replacement heifer tags at the office beginning December 1st.

Each member may tag up to three animals in each class (max 3 steers and 3 heifers).

Fergus and Petroleum County members must have their weigh-and-tag paperwork turned in to the Extension office by January 15th if they plan to show/sell in the 2022 fair. Animals will not be considered entered and eligible for fair if BOTH weigh sheets and a CLEAR picture of the ear tag are not both submitted by January 15th.

You can email, drop off, or mail in weigh sheets and pictures or a mix and match of any of these. Please email pictures to fergus@montana.edu.

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

We hope you all have a joyous holiday season!

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4-H Fergus/Petroleum County

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**Briefs**

- **December 1st**
  Beef Tags and Weigh Sheets can be picked up

- **December 4th**
  Service Project Opportunity
  Public Library Fundraiser Set Up

- **December 6th**
  Horse Committee Meeting 5:30pm
  Extension Office

- **December 9th**
  Rec Lab Meeting
  3:30
  Extension Office

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  International 4-H Exchange Program
  DEADLINE

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  “Gather for Gifts” Workshop
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- **January 27th-30th**
  MT 4-H Leadership Academy 2022
  All Sundays 2-4pm
  Fergus County Sheriff’s Complex

- **March 18th-20th**
  Montana Rec Lab Hobson School

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**MSU Extension, Fergus County**
Jennifer Saunders
4-H Program Assistant
(406) 535-3919
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There will be a horse committee meeting on
Monday, December 6th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office.
We will be voting on policy changes so please attend if you can.

Gather for Gifts Workshop

Indoor/Outdoor Projects
Committee will be hosting a “Gather for Gifts” workshop on
December 19th from 1 – 4pm at the Boys and Girls Club.
We will be making gifts and crafts for the holiday season.
Please call the Extension office at 406-535-3913 and talk to Sarah or Allison if you would like to sign up.
There will be fee of $5 to cover costs of supplies and snacks.
Happy Holidays!

Livestock Committee

In November’s Livestock Committee meeting we had some elections and policy changes that are noteworthy.

Regarding superintendents, Jared Long and Casey Wilmore agreed to stay on as the swine and sheep/goat superintendents, respectfully. Mike Vanek was nominated as the beef superintendent and Larry Hagenbuch will spend the next year training him for the position.

Policy changes that were voted and passed at the November meeting are as follows:

1) Tack pens will be allowed in the barns during fair. The number of pens that can be used for tack will be up to the superintendent of that species/barn.

2) Bikes will no longer be allowed in or around the pavilion during fair.

3) All members with a livestock project (12 years and older) will sign up for either setup or cleanup for fair. This will be a first-come first-serve basis with half of the members being at each. If a member does not show up to their allotted time and sigh in, 10% of their check will be deducted and go to livestock committee. A member may find someone to represent them if they are unable to make it.

4) All superintendents will serve for a minimum of 5 years. The first year will be training under the old superintendent and the last year will be training the new superintendent. If there is more than one person interested, we will vote between the two.
**4-H Enrollment Deadline**

**January 1**

Please remind current members, cloverbuds and leaders that they need to complete re-enrollment in zsuites, pay dues and return the completed Yearly 4-H Enrollment Agreement to the Extension Office by January 1.

Please also make sure new families are aware of the deadline and know they can contact the Extension Office for help and information if needed.

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**Greytak Calendars**

There are a limited number of Don Greytak Montana 4-H Calendars still for sale at the Extension Office, they are a great Christmas present!

They are $15 per calendar, $5 go’s to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council.

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**Montana 4-H Leadership Academy 2022**

For 4-H Members 12 and older

*All Sundays, All 2:00- 4:00 PM, All in the basement of the Fergus County Sheriffs Complex*

*Will also be available via Zoom*

- **January 9** - How to Make Club Meetings Awesome
- **February 13** - Ages and Stages for Mentors
- **March 13** - Successful Service Learning
- **April 10** - Lead with Purpose

**New 4-H Family Orientation**

Sunday, January 9, 1:00 PM, Basement of the Fergus County Sheriff’s Complex

All new members, cloverbuds, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend. We will discuss; Records, Workbooks, Project Completions, Public Speaking, Fair time, Camps and other opportunities offered in 4-H.

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**Montana Winter Fair**

**January 27-30 in Lewistown**

Please visit [https://montanawinterfair.com/](https://montanawinterfair.com/)

Youth opportunities: Livestock Judging Contest, Youth Beef Show Opportunities for all; Taste of Montana, State Auctioneer Contest, Trade Show, Quilt Show, Farm Forum, Old McDonalds Barn, Skijoring, Ranch Rodeo, Cowboy Church, Dutch Oven Cook Off, Cinnamon Roll and Chili Contest, Fiddle Contest.
Montana 4-H Rec Lab

Highway 2022- The Road to Success
March 18-20, Hobson School
For 4-H members 13 and older

Rec Lab focuses on leadership and organizational skills related to leading/teaching recreational activities.

You will get lots of ideas for crafts, games, and other activities. You will sharpen your teamwork/team building skills. Great speakers, fun activities, and many workshops to choose from. Plus, you will spend the weekend with 4-H teens from across the state of Montana.

Registration will open on February 1 with the early bird deadline on March 1 and the final deadline on March 7 - watch for more information.

International 4-H Exchange Program

The Montana deadline for 4-H International Exchange Programs (3-4 week programs for youth aged 12-18) is only two weeks away, DECEMBER 15, 2021. Country’s participating in this program are; Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, Finland, South Korea, Taiwan, Romania, New Zealand.

For more information visit http://montana4h.org/programs/international/outbound/index.html or contact Dave Brink 406-822-3547.
Notice - Leaders Council Bylaws

Motions were made at the November Council Meeting to make the following changes to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Council Bylaws. These motions will be voted on at the next Leaders Council meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022.

#1Article VII - Committees.
Inserting “Including Policy Changes”

This committee shall have supervision over matters of general interest to the organization, shall act as a planning committee in the preparation of the county 4-H yearly program of work, and may meet to attend to council business between the regular meetings for the council.

#2 Article VII- Committees, Amendment X- Standing Committees

*Amendment X – Standing committees for the County 4-H Activities shall be:

1. Horse
2. Livestock
3. Small Animal
4. Dog
5. Family and Consumer Science
6. Miscellaneous Projects
7. Plant and Soil
8. Awards and Recognition
9. Food Booth
10. Static Project Committee
Livestock Newsletter

Starting this month, we will begin procuring a Livestock Newsletter. This will be in addition to the monthly 4-H Newsletter and will focus more on livestock as indicated in the name. The goal to the Livestock Newsletter will be to announce any upcoming livestock related events and to provide some seasonal knowledge to producers. Hopefully, many of our producers will find the newsletter insightful to the challenges they might be facing. Contact information will be included for the MSU county agent so that topic ideas can be submitted in the event that they occur. Please keep an eye out for it in the coming week.

Please email Cody at cody.ream@montana.edu or call the office if you are interested in being added to his list. He can email or mail the newsletter to you.

There will be a $7 fee to mail a physical copy of the letter each year.

4-H: The Youth Development Program of MSU Extension
### December 2021

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4-H Calendar

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