



# Fergus/Petroleum 4-H News and Views

## January 2020

**Happy New Year!**

**Welcome new 4-H Families!**

We are pleased to welcome all new families, members, cloverbuds and volunteers to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Program. We look forward to getting to know you and participating in 4-H events and activities together. Please feel free to contact us at the Extension Office with any questions you might have. We are located behind the Courthouse in Lewistown and our phone is 406-535-3919. Your club leaders and families in your 4-H club are also a great resource for help and information. Attending your monthly club meetings is vital for the best possible experience in the 4-H Program.

### 4-H Orientation

For: New Members, Cloverbuds, Parents or anyone interested in reviewing 4-H Basics  
Tuesday, January 12 6:30 PM

Join me virtually on Webex watch for the email invitation and simply click on the green "Join the Meeting" button Or join from the meeting link

<https://montana.webex.com/montana/j.php%20MTID=m854a70f08d8a83b0652484d398de3dc4>

Meeting number (access code): **120 107 1597** Meeting password: **yBwJP7bnB63**  
Or call in **1-855-797-9485** US Toll free

### 4-H Enrollment Deadline Jan 1

If you miss the January 1 deadline you may still enroll during the Grace Period from Jan. 2 to April 15. **BUT** you will need to pay for your own literature, and I check with the organizational leader of the club you would like to join, to make sure they will still accept new members for the year.

### Zsuite continued...

<http://www.montana4h.org/resources/4henrollment/index.html>

Great information and a video to help you with enrollment at this site. Be sure to choose the appropriate instructions if you are a returning family or new.

<http://www.montana4h.org/projects/index.html>

If you do not have the Montana 4-H Clover to read, please go to this site to learn about the projects you are interested in and their completion requirements.

### Zsuite 4-H Enrollment Program

You will log in with the email you used with 4honline last year and your old password. If you have forgotten your password- hit forgot password and they will email you a temporary. Most importantly, if you were in 4-H last year, do not create a new household, you will lose the data (projects, years in 4-H etc.) from last year. Zsutes also has a great live chat and they respond immediately with good help.



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my country, and the world.



### Briefs

Enrollment Deadline January 1st

Zsuite 4-H Enrollment Program  
Digital 4-H Records

Montana Leadership Academy

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar  
Starts January 19th (4wk program)

Small Animal Project Workshop  
January 9th 9am

Small Animal Committee Meeting  
January 9th following clinic

Montana for 4-H Legislative  
Breakfast Virtual January 19th

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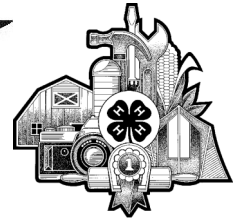


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## Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Montana Citizenship Seminar is designed to educate and inspire 4-H youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Delegates participate in a mock trial, create and debate bills, meet with elected officials, and participate in a service-learning project.

The Seminar will be a 4-week program. It will start on **Tuesday, January 19** and continue **January 26, February 2 and 9**. Each session will be at 6:00-8:30pm via Zoom.

### Who Can Go?

4-H members, ages 13-19. Delegates can attend once.

### What Does it Cost?

There is no fee for the virtual event.

### What Else Do I Need to Know?

Every delegate is expected to sponsor one "bill" suitable for the mock 4-H Legislature. If a delegate already has a bill written it can be submitted electronically to Melody Harris at [melody.marris@montana.edu](mailto:melody.marris@montana.edu) by January 11, 2021. The bills will be reviewed and grouped by topic area prior to the event. If a delegate is struggling with writing a bill, they will have the opportunity to write a bill at the Seminar.

### How Do I Register?

Members can register on ZSuite, [www.4h.zsuite.org](http://www.4h.zsuite.org). Register by January 11. The event will appear at the bottom of the dashboard for eligible members. Registered members will then be approved by their county Extension office.

## Small Animal Project Workshop

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 9 at 9 AM

**Where:** Sheriffs Complex

**Need:** Please bring your project workbooks.

This workshop is for all members in the Dog, Cat, Pocket Pet, Rabbit and Poultry Projects. This is an opportunity to get all your required activities done in your workbook for the year!!

## Small Animal Committee Meeting

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 9

**Where:** Sheriffs Complex

**Time:** Immediately following the Small Animal Clinic



## 4-H Records

With the new enrollment program, you will automatically have digital record forms generated for each of your projects. You can update your records on your phone when you are in the barn feeding or vaccinating animals, while you are at a project workshop or club meeting. If you do not want to use these records, I will be making some packets of paper records you can get from your club leader.

## Montana Leadership Academy For all 4-H Members 12 and older

The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

Local county leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually and in person when possible, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team members will be presenting a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

[http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership\\_training/academy.html](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/academy.html)

Please notify Jennifer if you did not attend in December and you plan on participating, [fergus4h@montanan.edu](mailto:fergus4h@montanan.edu) or call 406-535-3919 or text 406-366-1677

Fergus/Petroleum County will **meet as a group at the Farm Bureau** weather and health permitting. We will all join virtually from home if needed or preferred.



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**All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30- virtual program begins at 2:30**

## 4-H Facts

### January 17-Citizenship

How can you share what is important to you with others? What do legislators and local policy makers need to know about 4-H?

### February 21-Planning & Recruitment

What does your community need? How can you make this happen? Who will be involved? How will you let people know what is going on and why?

### March 14-Facilitation

What is an audience? What is a workshop? How do I use my skills to teach others?

### April 11-Service & Recognition

What can I do to serve my community? How can I inspire others to serve the community? How can people be recognized?

### May, 16-Promotion

What is 4-H? Where can we tell people about it? Why is this important for my community?

### June 13- Reflection

What have I have accomplished or not? What have we accomplished or not? What is next and why?

## **19,000 4-Hers across Montana**

4-H is a diverse community of young people across Montana, the US and the world committed to learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.

## **4,000 certified volunteers**

4-H projects and activities rely on trained volunteers to provide leadership and work with youth as partners in learning.

## **200 4-H projects and other research-based curriculum**

4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experience building knowledge and life skills that contribute to lifelong success.

## **In 56 counties and 7 reservations**

Montana State University Extension delivers quality youth development programs in all 56 counties and 7 reservations across Montana, actively engaging communities in life-long learning.

## **Montanans for 4-H Legislative Breakfast**

The Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and success of 4-H in the state. It brings together youth and adult constituents from across Montana to share stories of achievement drawn from their 4-H experiences. The breakfast also reinforces the vital role of the MSU Cooperative Extension Service budget, which supports 4-H in Montana communities.

The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes and hosts the Legislative Breakfast with help from private donations and other support. The breakfast is held during the years when the legislature is in session.

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Held Virtually via ZOOM Platform**

*Practice Meeting is Monday evening January 18, via ZOOM.*

Legislative Breakfast will be held the morning of January 19th with a preparatory dinner on the evening of January 18th. Both of these events will be held virtually via ZOOM. Please contact the Fergus County Extension Office, 535-3919 or [fergus4h@montane.edu](mailto:fergus4h@montane.edu) for more information.



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# January 2020 4-H Month of Service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ENROLLMENT DEAD- LINE	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 SMALL ANIMAL WORK- SHOP 9am
10 HORSE PROJECT WORKSHOP 1pm SHER- IFFS COMPLEX  HORSE COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW	11 LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE 6:30 pm SHERIFFS COMPLEX  REGISTRATION DUE FOR CITIZENSHIP SEMI- NAR AND LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	12	13	14	15	16
17 LEADERSHIP ACADE- MY 2pm FARM BU- REAU OR ONLINE AT 2:30pm	18 PRACTICE DINNER FOR LEGISLATIVE BREAK- FAST	19 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 31



### 4-H Calendar

Jan	1	Enrollment Deadline	April 11	Leadership Workshop, 2:30, Farm Bureau or online
	9	Small Animal Workshop, 9:00 AM	15	Enrollment Grace Period
	10	Horse Project Workshop, 1:00, Sheriffs Complex Horse Committee Meeting to follow	Ends	Project Drop/Add Deadline
	11	Livestock Committee, 6:30 PM, Sheriffs Complex Registration Due for Citizenship Seminar and Legislative Breakfast	May 1	Fair Entry Begins
	17	<a href="#">Leadership Academy, 2:00, Farm Bureau or online</a> at 2:30	16	Leadership Workshop, 2:30, Farm Bureau or online
	18	Practice Dinner for Legislative Breakfast	June 1	Fair Entry Deadline
	19	Legislative Breakfast	13	Leadership Workshop, 2:30, Farm Bureau or online
Feb	11	Valentine Cakes due to Extension Office Leaders Council Meeting, 5:30, Sheriffs Complex	22	Jr. 4-H Camp
	21	Leadership Workshop, 2:30, Farm Bureau or online	July 20	Pre-fair Interview Day
Mar	14	Leadership Workshop, 2:30, Farm Bureau or online	23	4-H Horse Show
			26-31	Fair Week



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## Steer Weigh-In

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 9am-noon, Gateway Simmental:

This weigh-in is not mandatory, but members who want to compete in the rate-of-gain competition need to attend. Call the Extension office for more information.

## Livestock Committee

Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm, Sherriff's Complex  
(location subject to change):

Main agenda items at this meeting will include the carcass contest, and possibly establishing a livestock all-around award.

## Beef Tags

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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 15<sup>th</sup>** if they plan to show/sell in the 2021 fair.



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## Quality Assurance

Now that quality assurance is completely online, you can take it anytime! If you need to renew your QA this year, get ahead of the game by visiting this link:  
<https://edpuzzle.com/open/sardami>.

1. Once there, enter your full name into the "nickname" box. Then click "Join Class."
2. You'll be taken to a screen with "Assignments" listed, and there will be a Quality Assurance Online Training video. Click that video, then hit play when it pops up on your screen. Watch the whole video (you can't skip forward), and answer the questions that go along with it as they pop up.
3. Once you've finished, your answers will be automatically recorded, and we can mark your Quality Assurance as complete!

## Horse Committee

Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1pm, Sherriff's Complex:  
Horse Workbook Workday and Meeting

This is an opportunity for members to bring their horse workbooks, records, etc., and receive help from experienced members and leaders. Following the workbook time (about one hour), there will be a horse committee meeting where we will discuss spring horse clinics. Pending any changes due to COVID restrictions.