WELCOME NEW 4-H FAMILIES!

We are so pleased to have your family joining the 4-H program! You will be receiving a 4-H Literature Packet at your next 4-H Club meeting. Please look over all of the information carefully and let us know, or visit with your club leader, if you have any questions. Watch your newsletter for a new family orientation to be held in January. Please stop in and get to know us at the Extension Office, located behind the courthouse in Lewistown. We are happy to answer any questions and assist in any way we can.

We want you all to be successful and have an enjoyable 4-H experience.
4-H ENROLLMENT TIPS

1) Pick up a Clover- Project Selection Guide from your Club Leader or the Extension Office
   a. Carefully read all of the enclosures and the sections about the projects you are taking.

2) Go online to zsuites (instructions are on and insert in the Clover)
   a. New Families- Create a family account and then add cloverbuds, members and leaders
   b. Re-enrolling- go to your Family Account and re-enroll – you may also add new cloverbuds, members and leaders.
   c. Projects- Cloverbuds are 5 to 7-year-old and will only take the Cloverbud Project. 1st year members should start with one or two projects.

3) Pay dues- you may pay online for a $1 fee, or hit pay in person and come into the Extension Office

4) Yearly agreement- ask your club leader for this form and review it with your leader and parents. Sign and return to your leader, or the Extension Office.

4-H LITERATURE PACKETS

After your enrollment is complete you will receive your 4-H Literature packet at your club meeting. There will be two copies of your enrollment sheet on the top of the packet- please proof read

- The spelling and capitalization of your name
- Your mailing address, phone, and email address
- Your date of birth, grade, and gender (your 4-H age will be your age on Oct. 1, 2022)
- Year in 4-H
  - Year in 4-H should be 1 for first year cloverbuds
  - Your year in 4-H should be 1 for first year members (cloverbud years do not count)
  - Year in 4-H should be 1 for first year leaders.
  - Members years go up one year for each year you complete your record book
- Check your projects, make sure they are all listed and correct
  - Project years will go up one, if you completed the records and required workbook activities
  - You will move up a level when your workbook is complete
AWARDS PROGRAM
Please Come
Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Awards Program
"Smart Enough to Wear Green"
Sunday November 6th at 1pm
Celebration Community Church- 361 W Frontage Rd

Potluck Lunch
Please bring the following if your last name begins with;
A to G- Dessert, H to P- Main Dish, Q to Z- Side Dish

Prizes for the "Greenest" people *Door Prizes*
4-H Scavenger Hunt

Award Presentations
Member Yearly Completion *Cloverbuds*
Leaders Years in 4-H *Friends of 4-H* County Awards
*Carcass Awards* Super Animals

4-H LEADERS BANQUET & ANNUAL MEETING
Monday November 14th
Social at 5:30pm
Supper 6pm
Meeting to Follow
Brookes Market- $17.50 per person

Please RSVP by Tuesday November 8th
406-535-3919
**MONTANA 4-H VOLUNTEER INSTITUTE**  
February 17-19 in Billings  
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**SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, Nov. 17  
5:15pm  
Extension Office  
Policy changes will be reviewed and voted on. Final plans will be made for the January 7th Winter Workshop. All clubs with dog, cat, poultry, rabbit and pocket pet members should send representatives.

**LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Thursday, Nov. 7  
6pm  
Sheriff’s Complex  
- Policy changes will be reviewed and voted on.  
- New Officers will be voted on.  
- Updated Fair Schedule options will be looked at and discussed.

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE**
The MSU Extension office will be starting livestock judging practice back up. If you have interest in learning how to judge livestock or want to sharpen your skills, call the office for a practice time and join other youth in the pursuit of knowledge and excellence. Livestock judging will present opportunities in the near-future and possibly at the collegiate level. Public speaking skills will also be practices as oral reasons are a component of this contest. Skills obtained from livestock judging will help expand your knowledge for animal selection in your own life too!

**4-H TEENS 13 & OLDER- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**Montana Citizenship Seminar 2023**  
January 15-17 in Helena Montana  
Montana Citizenship Seminar is designed to inspire 4-H youth as they learn about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Youth delegates gain hands-on experience with the legislative process by participating in a mock legislature, create and debate bills, work with other youth from across the state, meet with elected officials, tour the capitol, and participate in a service-learning project. Citizenship Seminar is traditionally held in Helena in the years when the legislature is in session. Youth delegates share their 4-H experience with current legislature representatives during the Legislative Breakfast which is hosted on January 17 by Montanans for 4-H.

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MSU/EHHD COLLEGE INTEREST EVENT

The MSU College of Education, Health, and Human Development is partnering with Fergus High School to host a College Interest Event on Thursday, November 10 from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Fergus High School Auditorium. There will be a brief program and then students and their families will mingle with MSU students, staff and faculty to learn more about specific programs and college life in general.

4-H TEENS- MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Leadership Academy

Sundays at 1:00 PM at the Sheriffs Complex

- November 20
- December 11
- January 8
- February 5
- March 5

BRIGHT COUNTRY NIGHTS

Please contact Jennifer if your club would like more information about having a display in this event.

Bright Country Nights will be open Thanksgiving Weekend, 6 pm to 9 pm on Friday, 5 pm to 9 pm on Saturday and 5 pm to 8 pm on Sunday.

*It is held at the Fergus County Fairgrounds and is a great way to kick off the holiday season.*

CHEERS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday November 23rd, 6pm at the Trade Center Fairgrounds

*Celebrating all volunteers for organizations, fire and EMS.*

If you would be willing to bring a salad or sheet cake to this event, please check your email for a message from me, Jennifer Sign Up Genius. There will be a link to click that will take you right to the site. They can be delivered anytime that day before 5:30, to the kitchen in the Trade Center. Please put salads in the refrigerator.

MSU/EHHD COLLEGE INTEREST EVENT
2024 4-H Calendar Fundraiser

Static Committee Fundraiser

Static Committee is putting on a fundraiser/competition and they would like EVERYONE to participate.

Each month there will be a new theme for you to interpret however you would like. Pictures will be emailed to our ambassador's email and then posted on social media to be put to a vote. Who took the picture will stay anonymous until the winner is announced. The winning picture of each month will be saved and used in our 2024 4-H Calendar.

Calendars will be available by Christmas 2023 and into the new year!

Themes

January- Livestock
February- Foods
March- Baby Animals
April- Livestock
May- Small Animal
June- Summer Sunet
July- Water
August- Fair
September- Montana Lifestyle
October- Fall in Montana
November- Lewistown
December- Winter in Montana

How it will work

EVERYONE is encouraged to send in a picture each month, that goes with that month's THEME. Pictures will be sent to the Ambassadors email at fergus4hambassadors@yahoo.com with the month and theme name.

Photos will be due by the 5th of each month. We will then post all the pictures received for that month to our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Pictures will be voted on by liking the picture. The picture with the most likes will WIN that month's picture and then it will be used in our 2024 calendar.

We are looking for fun, creative and sometimes funny pictures that relate to you and 4-H. We want to see how you view each of the selected themes in reference to 4-H.
Static Committee Fundraiser

Static Committee is putting on 2 fundraisers! Here is the information for the 2nd one.

Static Committee is wanting to put together a cookbook in time for Mother's Day 2023 and so we need everyone to help this group to make their goal.

What To Do:

Email your favorite recipe to the ambassador email:
fergus4hambassadors@yahoo.com

In your email include:
Name
Age
Recipes
Picture of you, you cooking, or the dish itself, or all of these

Deadline
January 15, 2023

How it will work

Please send as many recipes as you would like so we can make sure to have a good variety when the time comes to put the book together.

Please contact the office with any questions.
UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

County Awards Program
November 6th
1pm at the Celebration Community Church

Livestock Committee Meeting
November 7th
6pm at the Sheriff’s Complex

RSVP Leaders Banquet
November 8th
5pm call the Extension Office
Banquet is Nov 14th 5:30 at Brookes Market

Cheers for Volunteers
November 23rd
6pm at the Trade Center- Fairgrounds

Bright Country Nights
November 25th-27th
Fergus County Fairgrounds

Horse Committee Meeting
December 12th
5:15pm at the Extension Office

Static Committee Meeting
January 30th
5:15pm at the Extension Office
4-H Calendar

**NOVEMBER**

6th- County Awards Program 1pm Celebration Community Church
7th- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff’s Complex
8th- RSVP Leaders Banquet & Annual Meeting, by 5pm
10th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Extension Office
11th- Office Closed in Observance of Veteran’s Day
14th- Leaders Banquet & Annual Meeting 5:30pm Brooks Market
17th- Small Animal Committee Meeting 5:15pm Extension Office
20th- Leaders Academy 1pm Sheriff’s Complex
23rd- Cheers for Volunteers 6pm Trade Center
24th-25th- Office Closed for Thanksgiving
25th-27th- Bright Country Nights- Fairgrounds
30th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Extension Office

**DECEMBER**

12th- Horse Committee Meeting 5:15pm Extension Office
24th- Christmas Eve
25th- Christmas Day
26th- Office Closed
31st- New Years Eve

**JANUARY**

~ 1ST ENROLLMENT DEADLINE ~

7th- Small Animal Winter Workshop 9am Sheriff’s Complex
15th- Market Steer & Market Replacement Heifer Weigh/Tag/Photo Deadline
27th-29th- Winter Fair
30th- Static Committee Meeting 5:15pm Extension Office

**FEBRUARY**

1st- Camp Counselor Applications Due
13th- Valentine Cakes to the Office by Noon
14th- Deliver Valentine Cakes
4-H Calendar

**MARCH**
- 5TH- COUNTY PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY

**APRIL**
- 15TH- PROJECT DROP/ADD DEADLINE
- END OF ENROLLMENT GRACE PERIOD
- MARKET SWINE WEIGH/TAG/PHOTO DEADLINE

**MAY**
- ~ 1ST FAIR ENTRY BEGINS ~

**JUNE**
- ~ 1ST FAIR ENTRY DEADLINE ~
- ~ 15TH END OF FAIR ENTRY GRACE PERIOD ~
- 15TH- MARKET LAMB AND GOAT WEIGH/TAG/PHOTO DEADLINE
- 20TH-22ND- 4-H JUNIOR CAMP

**JULY**
- 18TH- PRE FAIR INTERVIEW DAY
- 25TH-29TH- FAIR WEEK

**SEPTEMBER**
- 1ST- RECORD BOOKS DUE TO LEADERS OR EXTENSION OFFICE
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