

NOVEMBER 4-H NEWSLETTER → 2024

Workbooks

Reminder that Workbooks are not required this year for completion of your project. It is highly encouraged to do a workbook for your first year of a project. When signing up in Z-suites place make sure to mark if you want a book.

Media and Interview Training- Riley

November 24th 2pm Sheriff's Complex

This workshop will equip you with the essential skills to navigate media interactions with confidence. You'll learn how to maintain a professional demeanor, effectively communicate key messages, and gracefully handle tough questions. By the end of the training, you'll be well-prepared to ace any interview and leave a lasting impression.

Growing Produce Indoors- Cody

Montana State University Extension will be hosting a program on growing produce plants indoors. Growing produce inside is a great way to provide nutritious food to your family year-round. The date is TBA, but tentatively the office is looking at the month of December.

Possible produce that will be talked about include:

- Micro-greens
- Strawberries
- Herbs

Office Closed

November 5th- Election Day ~ November 11th- Veterans Day ~
~ November 28th & 29th -Thanksgiving~

Important Web Pages

Montana State University Printable Documents & Fliers

http://fergus.msuextension.org/printable_4_h_ag_documents_fliers.html

Montana State University Fergus County 4 H Clubs

<http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html>

Fergus Petroleum County 4 H Newsletters Montana State University

Fergus County 4 H Clubs

<http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html>

Facebook & Instagram

Facebook Group:
4-H Fergus/Petroleum
County

Instagram Page:
[4hferguspetroleumcounty](https://www.instagram.com/4hferguspetroleumcounty)

4-H HAPPENINGS

Greytak Calendars

Greytak calendars are in and available. These make great Christmas gifts. They are \$15 per calendar, \$5 goes to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council. We will be starting a waitlist for anyone wanting a calendar after we have sold out. If we can get enough to justify shipping, we will make another order for more.

Policy Changes

Policy Changes will be voted on at the upcoming meetings, except for small animals.

- Please see the proposed policy changes, they are on the Printable Documents Web Page.
- All club leaders and enrolled 4-H members have voting power at meetings.

Radio Spots

Our community wants to hear from you!!! The radio is a great way to work on your communication skills, make entries in your books under promotion as well as communication, and to educate others on your projects throughout the year. Heidi would love to see all of you to talk about your club, your project or your community service. You can come in be on the radio live, prerecord and send to her, or go into the radio and record. The upcoming dates for live are 11/7 at 10:30, 11/15 at 10:10, or 11/19 at 10:30.

Static Committee Fundraiser

The Static Committee is still running their sticker fundraiser.

They are 1 for \$3 and 2 for \$5. These were designed by members in our 4-H community.

Leaders Banquet 2024

Leaders Banquet is November 17th at 4pm at the First Christian Church. Please RSVP by November 13th. There is a \$5 charge and dinner will be provided. Clubs, please bring a door prize.

Enrollment

Both re-enrollment and new enrollment for the 2024-2024 4-H year have begun (October 1st), enrollment closes on January 15th. You can look up the projects in the "Clover" and make sure you understand the project and its completion requirements. Link below for the online clover book. Along with online enrollment you will pay dues and complete a "Yearly 4-H Enrollment Agreement". Link below for where you can find the agreement forms and instructions on how to sign up in ZSuites.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

Club Leaders

With the new 4-H year comes paperwork. Leaders, please turn in your EIN financial paperwork and your Yearly Club Report by November 15th.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Leadership Academy Monthly Workshop

Members 12+ 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2024 and 2025.

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

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

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

County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual STATEWIDE workshop together.

This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned.

All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to county extension offices and can be shared locally.

**Always at 8pm at the Extension Office
or by Zoom**

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY DATES

NOVEMBER 17TH

DECEMBER 15TH

JANUARY 12TH

FEBRUARY 9TH

MARCH 16TH

LIVESTOCK

Upcoming Meetings

Horse Committee Meeting

November 4th 5:30pm Extension Office

We will vote on policy changes and have officer elections. Officers can be either registered volunteers or 4-H members.

Livestock Committee Meeting

November 12th 6pm Sheriff's Complex

Our next Livestock Committee Meeting is scheduled for November 12th at 6pm. This is our meeting where policy changes will be voted on! If you are an enrolled member or registered leader who wants to have their vote counted, please be present so that your vote counts. At this meeting we will also be voting on officer positions including Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary. All who are eligible to vote are also eligible for officer positions. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting.

Horse Judging Practice

November 6th at 4pm

Extension Office

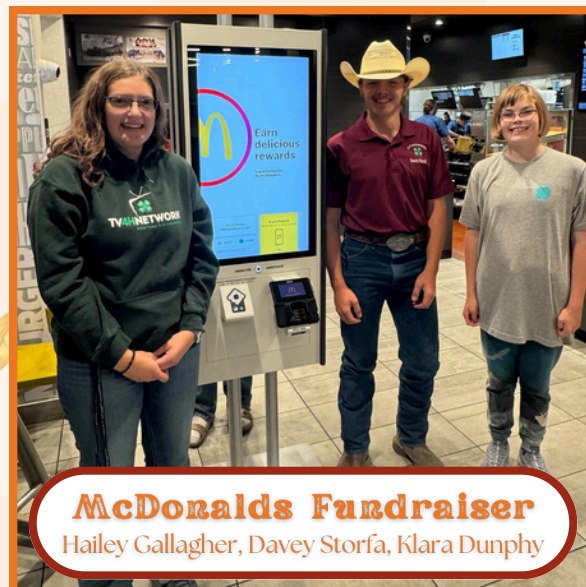
Livestock Judging Practice

November 13th at 4pm

Extension Office

Animal Projects

The Extension office is here to assist you if needed in any of your needs related to your animal projects. If you have any questions related to animal selection or feeding/nutrition, please feel free to contact the office. We are here to help you, but you have to ask. Asking your fellow 4-H members is also a great way to answer questions and gain knowledge.



McDonalds Fundraiser

Hailey Gallagher, Davey Storfa, Klara Dunphy

POLICY CHANGES SUMMARIZED

Must be a registered Leader or Member to Vote

Livestock

Next Meeting- November 12th 6pm Sheriff's Complex

- Increase the percentage taken out of livestock sale checks from 3% to 5% in order to build the livestock committee account.
- No personal speakers will be allowed in the livestock barns. Music will need to be played over the P.A. system and be approved by the Extension Office.
- All market lambs will be slick sheared within two weeks of the show date at the Central Montana Fair. This would include wool on face, legs, and belly. Any lambs not meeting this requirement will be placed at the bottom of the class by default.
- The livestock Committee may split classes into weight divisions, with no fewer than 5 animals per weight division. Where the old rule was no fewer than 7 animals.
- Add Lot 2 – Fergus-Petroleum born and raised showcase. Lambs that are in-county born and bred can be crossed entered in this lot to be judged against other locally grown lambs for an overall “Locally born and raised” prize.
- Removal of the Super Award.

Horse

Next Meeting- November 4th 5:30pm Extension Office

- Judge will be an AQHA or Carded Judge
- Add a ranch horse trail class
- Add a Ranch Versatility class to the working ranch show.
- Add Ranch Horse Colt Class
- Require Level 3 Western to be a prerequisite to Ranch Horse Level 1. This would apply to members starting after the 2025-2026 4-H year.

Small Animal

(These policy changes have already voted on and are no longer up for discussion)

- ID cards will now be required for all small animals. This will ensure that exhibitors are showing animals that belong to them throughout the 4-H year. Animals under this new rule include poultry, cat, rabbit, pocket pet, and dog.
- Market poultry will now be broken into species for more fair judging. Examples will include Chickens: Meat, Chickens: Egg, Turkeys, Ducks, ect.
- Market broiler chickens will now be a pen of 2.

SPOTLIGHT

Plouffe Family- Ag Education Opportunity for the local Mentor Program

The Plouffe Family hosted an ag education opportunity for the local mentor program. They provided information about the different breeds of goats and what you look for when you have milk goats.

Everyone was able to milk the goats. Josiah and Hadassah showed their birds (turkeys, chickens, and ducks) and talked about their breed and why they have them. The mentors and mentees even got to hold them.

After seeing the birds Josiah and Delci took the milk and strained it and pulled the cream off and Josiah made butter. Letha brought everyone cinnamon rolls to try the butter. The Plouffe's finished up talking about how they make their lotion and soap that they also use goat milk for. It was a great educational day!

If you have the desire to share your ag related project with the mentor program, please reach out to Chris to set something up.



(From left) Davey Storfa stands with the donors of his NILE Merit Heifer, Kirby and Karmae Walborn of the Walborn Cattle Company in Hardin. Storfa will select a heifer from the Walborn herd as part of the NILE Merit Heifer program. PHOTO COURTESY OF SONJA GREGORY

County Achievement Program

Congratulations to all members that completed their year. It is a goal that is not always the easiest to achieve. You are awesome, be proud of yourself for achieving this goal!!

Congratulations to those of you that received an award for your animal or a county award. Your exemplary work is definitely noticed.

Congratulations to the Super Buckle Award winners!!

Leah Hedman, Sayer Carlson, Cooper Gervais, Kaylynn Gervais and Jack Gillett.

SPOTLIGHT

Nile Horse and Livestock Judging Teams 2024

We had 2 teams compete for Fergus-Petroleum County 4-H at NILE youth competitions. The 4-H Junior Livestock Judging Team placed 2nd overall. Team members included Mason Schultz (10th), Emrey Hankins (12th), Aubrey Hankins (21st), Wyatt Schultz (23rd), and Bristen Hankins (52nd).

Our youth also competed as a 4-H Junior Horse Judging Team, where they also placed 2nd overall! This team consisted of Mason Schultz (3rd), Emrey Hankins (5th), Aubrey Hankins (8th), Bristen Hankins (14th). If you see our representatives from Fergus-Petroleum County 4-H, please congratulate them on their success.



Livestock Judging Team Nile 2024

Back Row:

Mason Schultz (10th), Aubrey Hankins (21st)
and Emrey Hankins (12th),

Front Row:

Wyatt Schultz (23rd) and Bristen Hankins (52nd)



Horse Judging Team Nile 2024

Emrey Hankins (5th), Aubrey Hankins (8th),
Bristen Hankins (14th), Mason Schultz (3rd)

Static Committee Sticker Fundraiser

1 sticker = \$3.00

2 stickers = \$5.00

Thank You

Cassandra Yaeger

&

Cooper Arntzen

for the Awesome Designs!



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NOVEMBER 2024

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~Fall Leadership
Training Billings~


3
~Fall
Leadership
Training
Billings~

4
Horse
Committee
Meeting
5:30pm
Ext Office

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Office
Closed


6
Horse
Judging
Practice
4pm
Ext Office

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11
Office
Closed


12
Livestock
Committee
Meeting
6pm
Sheriff's
Complex

13
Livestock
Judging
Practice
4pm
Ext Office

14
15
16

17
Leadership
Academy Webex
3pm
Ext Office
Leaders Council
Banquet
4pm
First Christian
Church

18
19
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21
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23

24
Media Training
with Riley
2pm
Sheriff's Complex

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Office
Closed
Office
Closed

Happy
THANKSGIVING



4-H CALENDAR

November

- 1st-3rd- Fall Leadership Training Billings
- 4th- Horse Committee meeting 5:30pm Ext Office
- 5th- Office Closed Election Day
- 6th- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 11th- Office Closed Veterans Day
- 12th- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex
- 13th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 17th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
 - Leaders Council Banquet 4pm First Christian Church
- 24th- Media Training & Interview Skills Workshop with Riley 2pm Sheriff's Complex
- 28th-29th- Office Closed Thanksgiving
- 28th-December 4th- Congress Nationals Atlanta- Congratulations Kylie Crawford

December

- 15th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 24th-25th- Office Closed Christmas eve and Christmas Day

January

- 1st- 4-H Enrollment Deadline
- 11th- Small & Large Animal Workbook Workshop 9am-noon First Christian Church
 - Small Animal Committee Meeting Noon First Christian Church
- 12th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 15th- Beef Tag Information Due
 - Enrollment Grace Period Ends
- 20th- Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 19th-21st- Citizenship Seminar
- 20th-21st- Legislative Breakfast

February

- 9th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 13th- Valentine Cakes due to Ext Office
- 14th- Valentine Cake Delivery 10am
- 15th- Junior Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 17th- Office Closed Presidents Day
- 23rd- Counselor Training- Day and time TBD

March

- 1st- EIN 1% Fee to the office from all clubs due
 - Ambassador Applications Due to Ext Office
- 10th- Public Speaking Registration Due
- 16th- Cloverbud Day Camp Planning 1pm Ext Office
 - Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
- 23rd- Public Speaking & Gavel Games 1pm Boys and Girls Club

April

- 1st- Horse Cards Available
- 8th- Farm Safety Day 8am Pavilion
- 15th- Swine Tag Information Due
- 21st- Traveling Farm 9am Bowling Alley

May

- 1st- Fair Entry Begins
- 15th- Sheep & Goat Tag Info Due
- 26th- Office Closed Memorial Day

June

- 1st- Fair Entry Deadline
- 2nd-15th- Fair Entry Grace period
- 15th- final day to sign up for fair

July

- 4th- Office Closed Independence Day
- 6th-11th- Pre Congress & Congress
- 13th- Pre Fair Interview Day Setup
- 14th- Pre Fair Interview Day
- 16th- Ranch Horse Show 8am
- 17th- Performance Horse Show 8am
- 21th-26th- Fair Week

August

September

- 1st- Office Closed Labor Day
- October
- 1st- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins.
 - Club Award Nominations Due
- 12th- Office Closed Columbus Day