



# OCTOBER 2023

# 4-H NEWSLETTER



## ANOTHER 4-H NEW YEAR HAS STARTED!!

It is time to re-enroll in 4-H and invite new families to join.

Either invite them to your October 4-H Club meeting or have them contact us at the Extension Office.

-Tips for Enrollment- first timers AND old timers.

Everyone, Members, Cloverbuds and Leaders need to re-enroll each year.

-If Leaders allow their enrollment to lapse one year, they will have to complete a new background check.

-Attend your October 4-H Club meeting with your parents

-Read the 4-H Project Clover Magazine

-Read the description of all projects you plan on enrolling in

-Read ALL the inserts in the Clover Magazine

-If you are a first year Member, Cloverbud or Leader, enter a 1 for years in 4-H

-Members that have been enrolled as Cloverbuds start their 4-H years over as a first-year member

-Carefully read the 4-H Enrollment Agreement with your parents and understand what you are signing. Your enrollment will not be accepted by the Extension Office until your Agreement Form is turned in to the office

-Carefully read the zsuites enrollment instructions inserted in the Clover Magazine.

If you are re-enrolling you do not create a new account, you log into your existing account.

-Remember, the way you enter information is how it will show up on all 4-H reports, forms, programs, and communications. Check your spelling, only capitalize the first letter of your name, make sure to enter email, telephone and mailing address's correctly.

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4-H Fergus/Petroleum County

## >>> NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 1ST-7TH <<<

ONCE AGAIN, YOU WILL GO TO THE ZSUITE WEBSITE

[HTTPS://4H.ZSUITE.ORG/](https://4h.zsuite.org/) ENTER THE PRIMARY USERS EMAIL ADDRESS AND PASSWORD.

YOU WILL LOG INTO THE PRIMARY PERSONS ACCOUNT AND ENTER YOUR PIN NUMBER.

REMEMBER, YOU CAN ASK THE PROGRAM TO REMEMBER BOTH YOUR PASSWORD AND PIN, THEN IT WILL BE THERE AS LONG AS YOU ARE ON THE SAME COMPUTER.

ONCE YOU HAVE THE PRIMARY PROFILE OPEN YOU WILL CLICK ON THE ARROW ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF EACH PERSON'S BOX AND CLICK ON CONTINUE TO ENROLLMENT FOR EACH PERSON. YOU WILL UPDATE ALL INFORMATION, THIS YEAR YOU WILL NEED TO ADD PARENTS' NAMES, PHONES AND EMAIL. IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE USE CELL NUMBERS HERE.

NEXT YOU WILL COMPLETE AND THE WAIVERS. WHEN YOU GET TO THE CLUB SCREEN, YOU WILL ADD A CLUB IF YOU ARE NEW. RETURNING MEMBERS MAY CHOOSE TO STAY IN THE SAME CLUB OR DELETE THAT CLUB AND ADD ANOTHER.

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NEXT YOU WILL CHOOSE YOUR PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR. ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE ADD MONTANA 4-H YEAR BOOK, SO YOUR MY 4-H YEAR RECORD WILL BE CREATED FOR YOU. FOR YOUR OTHER PROJECTS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO READ THE PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS IN THE CLOVER PROJECT SELECTION GUIDE, SO YOU ENROLL CORRECTLY. CLOVERBUDS WILL ONLY CHOOSE THE CLOVERBUD PROJECT, BUDS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO DO RECORD BOOK.

LAST OF ALL YOU WILL GO TO CHECK OUT YOU MAY EITHER PAY ONLINE (\$1 FEE) OR CHECK SUBMIT AND PAY IN PERSON. YOU MAY MAIL A CHECK, MADE OUT TO FERGUS/PETROLEUM 4-H, TO THE FERGUS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE, 712 WEST MAIN, SUITE 110, LEWISTOWN MT 59457 OR STOP BY THE OFFICE LOCATED ON BROADWAY BEHIND THE COURTHOUSE.

YOU CLUB LEADERS WILL BE HANDING OUT THE YEARLY ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT AT YOUR OCTOBER MEETING. WE NEED THAT FORM SIGNED BY YOU AND A PARENT BEFORE WE CAN ACCEPT YOUR ENROLLMENT.

## COUNTY PROGRAM NOMINATION AND DATES

### COUNTY AWARD PROGRAM

NOMINATIONS- WATCH YOUR MAIL. MAIL.

IF YOU WERE NOMINATED FOR A COUNTY AWARD, YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE- BETWEEN SEPT. 20 AND 25TH.

YOU WILL COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED ACCEPT/DECLINE FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY **OCTOBER 3RD.**

### ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION GROUP

IF YOU ACCEPT A COUNTY AWARD NOMINATION YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION GROUPS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, **OCTOBER 15TH.**

### AWARD PROGRAM

ALL 4-H MEMBERS, CLOVERBUDS AND LEADERS SHOULD ATTEND THE PROGRAM ON SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 5TH.** POTLUCK WILL START AT 4PM AND THE AWARDS CEREMONY WILL START AT 5PM. **IF YOUR LAST NAME STARTS WITH A-H** PLEASE BRING A MAIN DISH, **I-R** PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH, AND **S-Z** PLEASE BRING A DESSERT.

YEAR IN 4-H COMPLETION AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED ALONG WITH COUNTY AWARDS, CLUB AWARDS, FRIEND OF 4-H, LEADERS YEAR AWARDS, AND OTHER SPECIAL RECOGNITION.

### FALL LEADERSHIP TRAINING

IF YOU ARE 14 OR OLDER ON OCTOBER 1, JOIN US FOR THE 23-24 AMBASSADOR OFFICER TEAM FOR A FUN FILLED, ACTION PACKED WEEKEND OF LEADERSHIP TRAINING. ANYONE INTERESTED IN FUTHERING THEIR LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND ABILITY TO IMPACT THEIR CLUB AND COMMUNITY ARE WELCOME! THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO CONNECT WITH THOSE FRIENDS YOU MAY HAVE MET AT 4-H CONGRESS OR MEET NEW PEOPLE FROM AROUND MONTANA.

**PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION. REGISTRATION CLOSSES ON OCTOBER 6TH AND REGISTRATION IS COMPLETED ON ZSUITES.**

## **SMALL ANIMAL WORKBOOK WORKSHOP**

**JANUARY 13TH STARTING AT 9AM WITH SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE MEETING TO FOLLOW**

BRING YOUR WORKBOOKS AND COMPLETE YOUR ACTIVITIES. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD OF WORKBOOKS AND ASK QUESTIONS OF LEADERS AND OTHER MEMBERS.

## **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY MONTHLY WORKSHOPS**

**MEMBERS 12+, 4-H AGE**

JOIN THE MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP ACADEMY WORKSHOP ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN 2023-2024 4-H YEAR.

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 PRESENT 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.

COUNTY LEADERSHIP GROUPS SHOULD PLAN TO MEET FACE TO FACE WHENEVER POSSIBLE AND ENGAGE IN THE VIRTUAL STATE WIDE 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.

## **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY DATES**

**NOVEMBER 12TH**

**DECEMBER 10TH**

**JANUARY 14TH**

**FEBRUARY 11TH**

**MARCH 10TH**

**ALWAYS AT 3PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE**

## **IMPORTANT WEB PAGES**

**Enrollment with ZSuite - Montana 4H - Montana State University Extension | Montana State University**

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

**Montana State University Printable Documents & Fliers**

<http://fergus.msuxextension.org/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

**Montana State University Fergus County 4-H Clubs**

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

# LIVESTOCK

## LIVESTOCK JUDGING

SOME EXCITING THINGS COMING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LIVESTOCK JUDGING, PRACTICES HAVE STARTED UP AGAIN ON THE **2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAYS AT 4PM** EVERY MONTH (PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU ARE INTERESTED BUT CANNOT MAKE THOSE DAYS).

ALSO, THERE IS A LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTESTS COMING UP IN BILLINGS. ON OCTOBER 16TH THERE WILL BE A LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST AT THE NILE IN BILLINGS, WE WILL BE TAKING BOTH A JUNIOR AND SENIOR TEAM TO THIS EVENT.

LASTLY, KEEP AN EAR OPEN BECAUSE THE FERGUS COUNTY LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM IS CONDUCTING FUNDRAISERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, SELLING KRISPY KREME DONUTS AND WORKING CONCESSIONS AT FALL FESTIVAL.

## LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

THIS IS A REMINDER THAT POLICY CHANGES FOR NEXT YEAR ARE DUE VIA EMAIL OR DROP OFF BY **OCTOBER 16TH** IN ORDER TO MAKE THE AGENDA FOR THE NOVEMBER MEETING WHERE VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE. POLICY CHANGES WILL BE EMAILED OUT SO EVERYONE HAS A FEW WEEKS TO LOOK THEM OVER AND COLLECT THEIR THOUGHTS. PLEASE REMEMBER THE GOAL OF LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE, FAIR AND ULTIMATELY 4-H WHEN PROPOSING POLICY CHANGES, AND MAKE SURE TO ATTEND SO YOUR VOICE CAN BE HEARD.

OUR NEXT LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR **NOVEMBER 7TH**.

## LIVESTOCK SUPER AWARDS

THE LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE SUPER-AWARD CATEGORY IS DETERMINED THROUGH A 10 POINT SYSTEM PER CATEGORY. IT INCLUDES A COMBINATION OF MARKET PLACING, CARCASS SCORE, SHOWMANSHIP PLACING, AND RECORD BOOKS FOR SWINE, STEERS, SHEEP, GOATS. MEMBERS DO NOT NEED TO ENTER THIS AWARD SEPARATELY-THEIR PLACINGS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATED BY THE SUPER AWARD COMMITTEE. AWARDS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET. JONDIE WILL BE CONTACTING ANY MEMBERS IN THE RUNNING SO THEY CAN COME TO INTERVIEWS DURING ROUND TABLE TALK WHICH ARE ON **OCTOBER 15TH**.

## JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

ALL SALE CHECKS HAVE BEEN PICKED UP, BUT THERE ARE A FEW STILL NEEDING TO BE CASHED. THIS IS YOUR REMINDER THAT YOU HAVE UNTIL **OCTOBER 30TH** TO CASH CHECKS. STARTING OCTOBER 31ST THERE WILL BE A STOP ON ALL CHECKS AND THERE IS A PROCESS TO HAVE A NEW CHECK ISSUED.

## HORSE AND STATIC COMMITTEE

### HORSE COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING DATE

**NOVEMBER 13TH**

**5:15PM EXTENSION OFFICE**



### STATIC COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING DATE

**NOVEMBER 6TH AT 5:15PM EXTENSION OFFICE**

**CALENDAR REMINDER**

**SEPTEMBERS THEME IS MONTANA LIFESTYLE  
PICTURES DUE BY OCTOBER 5TH**

**OCTOBERS THEME IS FALL IN MONTANA  
NOVEMBERS THEME IS LEWISTOWN**

# 2023 4-H DIVISION CENTRAL MT FAIR POST FAIR REPORT

## 2023 LIVESTOCK SALE

41 STEERS SOLD- AVERAGE \$4,824.01 PER ANIMAL, \$3.79 PER POUND  
10 REPLACEMENT HEIFERS SOLD- AVERAGE \$3,390.00 PER HEAD  
17 LAMBS SOLD- AVERAGE \$1,416.49 PER ANIMAL, \$11.24 PER POUND  
41 HOGS SOLD- AVERAGE \$2,443.96 PER ANIMAL, \$10.36 PER POUND  
2 GOATS SOLD- AVERAGE \$915.00 PER ANIMAL, \$10.46 PER POUND  
7 POULTRY SOLD- AVERAGE \$600.00 PER BIRD

## 2023 STATIC 4-H PROJECT SALE

30 REGISTER BUYERS  
19 ITEMS SOLD  
\$88.95 AVERAGE PER ITEM SOLD

## 4-H JUDGES

35 INTERVIEW JUDGES- \$875.00  
6 ANIMAL JUDGES FOR 12 SHOWS/SPECIES- \$3,326.59 + 6 MOTEL NIGHTS  
4-H VOLUNTEERS  
32 MISCELLANEOUS JOBS ON INTERVIEW DAYS  
14 PRE-FAIR INTERVIEW CLERKS  
13 ROUND ROBIN SHOWMANSHIP JUDGES  
20 STATIC EXHIBIT/TRADE CENTER SECURITY  
17 SMALL ANIMAL BARN SECURITY  
8 ANIMAL SUPERINTENDENTS  
21 LIVESTOCK AUCTION  
10 STATIC AUCTION  
12 PAVILION/LIVESTOCK SHOWS MISCELLANEOUS JOBS

**SMALL ANIMAL BARN PETTING ZOO** \*\*\*500 + VISITORS

## 2023 4-H DIVISION- CENTRAL MONTANA FAIR POST FAIR REPORT

### AWARDS

810 BLUE RIBBONS AWARDED  
180 RED RIBBONS AWARDED  
4 WHITE RIBBONS AWARDED  
202 BLUE ROSETTES AWARDED  
68 RED ROSETTES AWARDED  
23 YELLOW ROSETTES AWARDED  
14 GREEN ROSETTES AWARDED  
12 PINK ROSETTES AWARDED  
11 LIGHT BLUE ROSETTES AWARDED

### 224 TOTAL EXHIBITORS

10 FFA  
7 JUDITH BASIN COUNTY 4-H  
169 FERGUS/PETROLEUM COUNTY 4-H

### 994 TOTAL ENTRIES

691 ANIMAL ENTRIES  
303 STATIC ENTRIES  
146 BEEF ENTRIES- 127 BEEF  
11 CAT ENTRIES- 7 CATS  
5 CAVY ENTRIES- 4 CAVY'S  
5 DAIRY ENTRIES- 3 DAIRY COW  
40 DOG ENTRIES- 18 DOGS  
28 GOAT ENTRIES- 19 GOATS  
144 HORSE ENTRIES- 64 HORSES  
63 POULTRY ENTRIES- 54 BIRDS  
56 RABBIT ENTRIES- 39 RABBITS  
40 SHEEP ENTRIES- 26 SHEEP  
153 SWINE ENTRIES- 98 PIGS

# >>> 4-H CALENDAR <<<

## OCTOBER

1st

- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins. Be on the lookout for Agreement Forms and instructions.
- Completion Reports Due
- Award Nominations Due
- Friends of 4-H Nominations Due

1st-7th

- National 4-H Week

2nd

- Static Committee Meeting 5:15 Extension Office

3rd

- County Award Accept/Decline Forms Due

5th

- Traveling Farm at Garfield Elementary School 1:45pm

9th

- Office Closed in Observance of Columbus Day

13th

- Livestock Judging Fundraiser 4:30pm Serve Dinner Ag Building

14th

- Livestock Judging Fundraiser 11:30pm Serve Lunch Ag Building

15th

- Round Table Discussion Group: 1-5pm at the Boys & Girls Club

16th

- Livestock Policy Changes due to the office

20th-22nd

- Ambassador Fall Training in Billings

## NOVEMBER

5th

- County Award Program 4pm Potluck

6th

- Static Committee Meeting 5:15pm Extension Office

7th

- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex

9th

- Leaders Banquet and Annual Meeting at 5:30pm at First Christian Church

10th

- Office Closed in Observance of Veterans Day

12th

- Leadership Academy 3pm Extension Office

13th

- Horse Committee Meeting 5:15pm Extension Office

23rd-24th

- Office Closed for Thanksgiving

## DECEMBER

10th

- Leadership Academy 3pm Extension Office

24th

- Christmas Eve

25th

- Christmas Day Office Closed

31st

- New Years Eve

## JANUARY

1st

- Office Closed New Years Eve

13th

- Small Animal Workshop 9am First Christian Church. Meeting to follow.

14th

- Leadership Academy 3pm Extension Office

*Enrollment Deadline*

*January 1st*

*Grace Period*

*January 2nd-15th*

## APRIL

15th

- Enrollment Grace Period Ends
- Project Drop/Add Deadline

## MAY

1st

- Fair Entry Begins

## JUNE

1st

- Fair Entry Deadline

20th-22nd

- 4-H Junior Camp

## JULY

18th

- Pre-Fair Interview Day

25th-29th

- Fair Week

## SEPTEMBER

1st

- Record Books Due

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# >>> October <<<

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Enrollment Begins Completion Reports Due All Award Nominations Due	Static Committee Meeting 5:15pm Extension Office	County Awards Accept/ Declines Due		Traveling Farm Garfield Elementary School 1:45pm		
<i>&lt;&lt;&lt; National 4-H Week &gt;&gt;&gt;</i>						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Office Closed Columbus Day				Junior Livestock Judging Fundraiser 4:30pm Ag Building	Junior Livestock Judging Fundraiser 11:30pm Ag Building
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Round Table Talks 1-5pm Boys and Girls Club  Livestock Judging Team leaving for Nile in Billings after Round Table Talks	Livestock Policy Changes due back to the office  Livestock Judging Team at the Nile in Billings 7:15am				Ambassador Fall Training Billings	Ambassador Fall Training Billings
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Ambassador Fall Training Billings						
29	30	31				
		Happy Halloween				





# 2024 4-H Calendar



## 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 office 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!

## 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](mailto: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.

## Monthly Themes

**January-** Livestock

**Winner:** January- Livestock- Megan Green

**February-** Foods

**Winner:** February- Foods- Ruth Sewell

**March-** Baby Animals

**Winner:** March- Baby Animals- Jordan Grindheim

**April-** Livestock

**Winner:** April- Livestock- Cody England

**May-** Small Animal

**Winner:** May- Small Animal- Cody England

**June-** Summer Sunet

**Winner:** June- Summer Sunet- Crawford Family

**July-** Water

**Winner:** July- Water- Payton Hersel

**August-** Fair

**Winner:** August- Fair- Emma Farley

**September-** Montana Lifestyle

September- Montana Lifestyle

**October-** Fall in Montana

October- Fall in Montana

**November-** Lewistown

November- Lewistown

**December-** Winter in Montana

**Winner:** December- Winter in Montana- Emma Farley

Currently taking "Montana Lifestyle" themed pictures! Send them in by October 5th for a vote. You may also start sending in photos for any of the other themes, just label pictures with the name and month theme :D





# Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Cookbooks

Family Favorite Recipes from Our Table to Yours

Made with  
Head, Hands, Health, and Heart

Pick-up Yours Today

at the  
Fergus Extension

Office

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# Policy Change Request Form

Person(s) requesting change:

What policy change would you like to see? (please reference specific sections of the Fair Book if necessary):

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How would this change benefit 4-H/FFA members? :

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Will this require any extra labor or resources? If so, are you willing to help acquire/provide those extra inputs? :

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Any other comments? :

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