

January 4-H Newsletter

2023

"The Magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all"
Josiyah Martin

Happy New Year
2023

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for allowing me to spend the last 25 years in my dream job. Thanks for letting me part of your families and allowing me the privilege of working with your children.

Thank you for keeping me young, in spirit anyway, making me laugh, making me proud, and sharing some very special moments in your lives. What wonderful memories I take with me!

I know you will continue to carry the green torch, passing on the 4-H traditions and values to the generations to come.

This program is invaluable because of volunteers, parents, and youth like all of you.

I am only a staircase away, please stop in and see me. Maybe we should start a Junior County Commission?

Take care,
Jennifer

4-H Happenings

MONTANA 4-H LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

All Sundays 2:20-4pm at the Sheriff's Complex

For all Members 12 and older
Zoom Link Available:

http://montana4h.org/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html

January 8th- The Power of Positivity:

In a world of being pulled in a variety of different directions it is often a challenge to stay engaged with a positive attitude. Learn how to focus on what is important and how a positive attitude can have the greatest impact.

February 5th- Tools for Facilitation:

You might have the "best laid plans"...but the "proof is in the pudding." Learn how to carry out leadership plans and engage groups with valuable facilitation tools.

CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATION

Due February 1st to the Extension Office

Members 14 and older on October 1, 2022, may apply to be camp counselors for 4-H Junior Camp.

Members that were 13 on October 1, 2022, may apply to be counselor assistants.

Please carefully read the counselors job description and complete the application form and return to the Extension Office by February 1.

There will be a mandatory training and first meeting at 1:00 PM, Sunday, February 26.

MONTANA CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR

January 15th-17th in Helena

Registration Due January 2nd

MT VOLUNTEER INSTITUTE

February 17th-19th in Billings

Join us for essential training and meaningful connections with statewide 4-H Volunteers!

This event is open to all Montana 4-H Volunteers.

Speaker: Vernon Parent from Utah State University (biography coming soon!)

Location: Billings, Montana at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

Fergus/Petroleum County enrolled 4-H Leaders cost will be covered for the Leaders Education Fund.

This is a fantastic opportunity to network with 4-H leaders from across the state, learning from their experience and gleaning new ideas. The list of workshops looks incredible. Hurry and register will before they fill up.

**Link for leaders to register
System Registration Link
(must be logged into ZSuite to go to the registration page):**

<https://4h.zsuite.org/event-registrations/16964>

MT 4-H REC LAB

March 17th-19th in Culbertson MT

Watch for registration information.

This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting.

Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

Livestock & Winter Fair

YOUTH WINTER FAIR OPPORTUNITIES

January 27th-29th Central MT Fairgrounds

www.montanawinterfair.com

Check out the website for complete information
<https://montanawinterfair.com/>

Peewee & Youth Division Skijoring- Intent to enter due Jan 1
- event is Jan 28 & 29

Youth Beef Show- Entry due Jan 25
- show is Jan 29

Youth Livestock Judging- Entry due Jan 25
- event is Jan 28

Dog Show- Entry due
- event is Jan 28

Rabbit Show- Entry is taken at the event
- event is Jan 28

WINTER FAIR YOUTH BEEF SHOW

Registration Due January 25th

It's that time of year again where youth from across Montana will be signing up to show off the beef animals that they will be raising for the next fair season. This includes both steers and heifers!

Link for registration for the Beef Show information can be found at www.montanawinterfair.com/events-activities/youth-beef-show.

Like with any event, the Youth Beef Show is only possible with the help of our awesome volunteers.

If you would like to be a volunteer and help, make the Youth Beef Show great, please contact Cody Ream at the MSU Extension office and let him know!

Volunteers will be needed as ring stewards, announcers, check-in, and other behind the scenes tasks to make sure youth are in the right spot at the right time.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE

2nd and 4th Wednesday at 4pm at the Extension Office

Livestock judging practice is still going on for any kids that might want to join.

Practices are being held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 4pm in the extension office. January practices will be the 11th and 25th.

These practices are designed to help kids grow in their ability to evaluate livestock for either personal development or in preparation for livestock judging contests throughout the year.

The next contest will be at the Montana Winter Fair January 28 first thing in the morning.

WINTER FAIR LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

January 28, 2023

This year's Livestock Judging Competition at the Montana Winter Fair will be held on January 28th first thing in the morning.

Livestock from the surrounding area will be brought in for youth to evaluate and test their judging abilities.

Link for registration and Beef Show information can be found at www.montanawinterfair.com/events-activities/livestock-judging.

Volunteers for the day of the contest are always welcome and we will need many. So please do not hesitate to reach out to the MSU Extension office to let them know you'd like to help!

Also, as the time gets closer, we will need to gather livestock for the event.

If you would be willing to provide a class (4 animals) of livestock for the judging contest, please reach out to Cody Ream in the Extension office.



Monthly Meetings



SMALL ANIMAL WORKSHOP & MEETING

January 7th from 9am-noon at First Christian Church

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!!

Please bring your workbooks!

Snacks and drinks will be available

Rabbit agility practice to follow with Chris England.

If you are interested in entering your pet in the Winter Fair, please make sure you talk with Chris England or Nicole Tholt at this workshop or contact the office.

MEETING

Planning for the spring showmanship clinic, dog obedience clinics and rabbit agility clinics will be on the agenda.

HORSE COMMITTEE

January 23rd at 5:15pm at the Extension Office

We will be going over signups for the food booth at Winter Fair. If you are unable to work a shift at the food booth, please consider one of the other options.

We are needing people to bake and frost cinnamon rolls, frost doughnuts, and we need 1 more person to make and deliver 1 crockpot of homemade chili. Please contact the office if you are unable to work a shift so we can get you listed for one of these other options.

Fundraisers help keep personal cost to a minimum. Please consider helping with this fundraiser so we can make it a successful one!

Signup Link for Concessions:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ca9ab2aa0f4c34-horse>

LEADERS COUNCIL

January 12th at 5:30pm at the Sheriff's Complex

Thursday, January 12

5:30pm

Sheriffs Complex

All clubs should send a representative to Leaders Council Meetings.

STATIC COMMITTEE

January 30th at 5:15pm at the Extension Office

We will be going over the 2 fundraisers currently being put on by Static Committee and also spring activities.

Calendar Fundraiser

Emma Farley was our winner for the December calendar photo. Please check out the calendar fundraiser poster or contact the office for details.

Calendars will be printed in time for Christmas 2024 if we are able to get enough pictures to fill the 12 months.

This is an easy way to help with your indoor project fundraising. Please email all pictures to fergus4hambassadors@yahoo.com

Cookbook Fundraiser

This is another easy fundraiser; all we need you to do is send in all your favorite recopies again to the fergus4hambassador@yahoo.com email. We are hoping to have this book completed by April, so we have it printed and ready to go in time for Mother's Day.

Please contact the office or look at the flier for more information.

4-H Calendar January 2023

~January~

- 1st:** Enrollment Deadline
- 2nd:** Office Closed
 - Registration Due for Citizenship Seminar
- 7th:** Small Animal Winter Workshop 9am at the Sheriff's Complex
 - Small Animal Committee Meeting 11am
 - Rabbit Agility to follow
- 8th:** Leadership Academy, 2:30pm, Sheriff's Complex
- 12th:** Leaders Council Meeting, 5:30pm, Sheriff's Complex
- 15th:** Market Steer and Replacement Heifer pictures and weigh sheets due
- 15th-17th:** Montana Citizenship Seminar in Helena
- 16th:** Office Closed MLKJ Day
- 23rd:** Horse Committee Meeting, 5:15pm, Extension Office
- 27th-29th:** Montana Winter Fair
- 30th:** Static Committee Meeting, 5:15pm, the Extension Office

~February~

- 1st:** Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 5th:** Leadership Academy, 2:30, Sheriff's Complex
- 13th:** Valentine Cakes due to the office by Noon
- 14th:** Deliver Valentine Cakes
- 17th-19th:** MT Volunteer Institute, Billings
- 26th:** Camp Counselor Training

~March~

- 13th:** Livestock Committee Meeting, 6pm, Sheriff's Complex
- 26th:** County Public Speaking Day

~April~

- 15th:** Project Drop/Add Deadline
 - End of the Enrollment grace period
 - Market Swine pictures and weigh sheets due

~May~

~ 1st Fair Entry Opens ~

- 15th:** Market Lamb and Goat pictures and weigh sheets due

~June~

~ 1st: Fair Entry Deadline ~

- 15th: End of Fair Entry Grace Period**
- 15th:** Market Lamb and Goat Pictures and Weigh Sheets Due
- 13th-15th:** Tween Trip
- 20th-22nd:** 4-H Junior Camp

~July~

- 18th:** Pre-Fair Interview Day
- 20th:** 4-H Ranch Horse Show
- 21st:** 4-H Horse Show
- 24th-29th:** Fair Week

~August~

~September~

- 1st: Record Books due to Leaders or Extension Office**
- 30th:** Last day of the 4-H Year

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 Enrollment Deadline	Office Closed <hr/> Reg Due Citizenship Seminar					Small Animal Workshop/ Meeting 9am-12pm 1st Christian Church Rabbit Agility to follow
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Leadership Academy 2:30pm Sheriff's Complex				Leaders Council 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Enrollment Closes <hr/> Market Beef pics & Weigh Sheets Due						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Horse Committee 5:15pm Extension Office				Winter Fair 	
29	30	31				
Winter Fair 	Static Committee 5:15pm Extension Office					