APRIL 4-H NEWSLETTER

Project Drop/Add Deadline April 15th

Please check you projects in ZSuites.

- Changes cannot be made after April 15th, and you may only enter the fair in projects and project levels that you are enrolled in.
- Be sure to review your information in ZSuites before the 15th for each member in your family.

Go to the CLUB tab and look at your list of projects

- Are you in all the projects you want to be in?
 If not ADD
- Are you in projects you know you won't complete?
 If so DELETE

Go to the PERSONAL INFO tab

- Is your name spelled right? Please Capitalize FIRST letter for firsts and last name. Do not put whole name in all caps.
- Is your date of birth, correct?
- Is your email correct? Please make sure your primary or household email is the primary email you would like to receive emails to from the 4-H Office.

Years in 4-H

- New 2023-2024 members and cloverbuds should be 1st year.
- Cloverbuds will be 1-3 years.
- First year Members will start over at 1 if they were a Cloverbud and will move up only if they completed their record book and have turned it in.
- Is your grade in school, correct?
- Is your phone number correct?
- Is your address correct?

Project Books

If you choose to still get project books, I have them packaged and are ready for pickup at the office. This time of year, is a great time to get started on your project books and your record books.

Design Your Own/Self-Determined/Independent Study Projects- Due April 15th Extension Office

If you are enrolled with a design your own/self-determined project or independent study in a project, a copy of your goals is due to the office by **April 15th**. If you have any questions or need help with establishing your goals, please reach out to Chris, Cody, or Riley at the Extension Office.

Radio Dates

Our radio slots are April 4th at 10:10am, April 18th at 10:10am, April 25th at 10:10am

This is a great way to promote your projects, especially if you are selling

Deadline Dates

<u>April 1st</u>

• 4-H Scholarship Applications Due

<u>April 15th</u>

- Drop/Add deadline
- Swine tag pictures & weigh sheets due.

May 1st

~ fair entry opens

- Indoor Auction Reg Due
- Static Sticker pictures due

May 15th

• Sheep & Goat tag pictures & weigh sheets due.

May 31st

• Bank of the Rockies Scholarship Applications Due

June 1st

- Fair Entry Deadline
- Colt Reisig Memorial Scholarship Due
- Horse ID Cards due to the Ext Office
- Small animal cards due to the ext office

June 15th

• Fair Entry Grace Period Ends

<u>camp registration dates</u>

- Cloverbud Camp TBD
- Junior Camp June 11th
- Senior Camp May 1<mark>2th</mark>

anything. Our community wants to hear from you about what you are doing in your projects, club, and the community. This could be great for any kids looking to sell in the Indoor Sale or Livestock Sale. You could start reaching buyers early, so they remember you when it comes time for fair. This is also a great outreach for 4-H and helps all our members to keep our community aware of all the ways 4-H contributes in so many ways. If you are unable to come at those times, please reach out to Heidi at KXLO at 406-535-3441 and set up a time to prerecord. It is important for our community to know that you guys work hard all year round and they love to hear what you are up to.

4-H HAPPENINGS

Farm Safety Day

April 8th - 9am - Livestock Pavillion, Lewistown Fairgrounds

Help Needed!

Farm Safety Day is led by our Fergus/Petroleum Ambassadors and the group leader this year is Lexie Wichman.

This day is put on for local and rural schools in the Central Montana area. They take 1st and 2nd grade classes around to different stations where they learn about different aspects of farming and ranching and how to be safe when they come into contact with any of the different scenarios presented.

We have 2 sessions for this day, and we get about 100 students for each session. If you would like to lead a group or help out in any way, please contact Lexie at 406-366-6564 or the Extension Office 406-535-3919 to sign up. This is a great opportunity to do some community service and make an impression upon the younger generation.

Petting Zoo at the Family Health Expo

April 12th 10am-12pm Fergus County Trade Center

If you would like to bring an animal to share with the community this is a good time to work with your animals, get used to others, touching them and just sharing your animal passion with others. If you want to bring animals, please let the office know so that we know what is coming to set up pens.

Please contact Chris if you are planning to bring animals by April 10th.

Traveling Farm April 21st- 8:45am - Snowy Mountain Lanes Bowling Alley- Help Needed!

Traveling Farm is led by Hailey Gallagher from the Creative Critters Club. Hailey is one of our Fergus/Petroleum Ambassadors and she leads any kids who would like to come with any of their pets around several of the nursing homes in Lewistown to show off their pets/fair projects. Any pet that can be controlled is welcome to come!

There is no sign up for this, just meet the group at 8:45am in the parking lot of the bowling alley and at 9 am you will be on your way!

If you would like to participate either with an animal or come and share your projects, please contact Hailey Gallagher at 406-366-2549 or the Extension Office at 406-535-3919 to sign up. If you do not have an animal still come, we always have extras. This is another great opportunity for community service and touching the lives of those that can no longer have their animals at their side.

Volunteer Appreciation Workshop April 17th 4pm Location TBD- RSVP

It's another year of wanting to give back to our volunteers who without them, our program would not be able to succeed. This year we will be making candles for our volunteers with a thank you card. Each person who comes will help make the volunteer candles and get to take one home themselves.

Volunteer Appreciation Week April 20th-26th

It is National Volunteer Appreciation Week April 20-26th. We have the most amazing volunteers in both our 4-H community and in our county community. Please take the time this month (and always) to thank our volunteers. We would not be the best without them helping us to be better!!

4-H HAPPENINGS- STATIC

Leaders Council Meeting

April 24th 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

Leaders' Council Meeting April 24th at 5:30pm at the Sheriff's Complex. We will be discussing fridge and freezer at the food booth, and bonds/cd's and whatever else comes our way.

State Awards

May 1st, 2025

Due May 1, 2025, is the due date for State Awards application. Members 14 and older as of October 1, 2024, are eligible. The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. 4-H members may self-nominate. There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area; an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state and scholarship winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July. If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in November. The State Award application

Montana State 4-H Awards webpage at: https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html

Leather Workshop

can be found on the

April 13th 3-5pm Sheriff's Complex

Leather Workshop April 13th 3-5 pm at the Sherrif's Complex. Learn basic basket stamping with Ray Besel. The end project goal of the workshop is to complete a stamped trivet. Bring your favorite basket stamp, but not required - tools will be available.

Please RSVP to the Extension office (406.535.3919) by April 10.

Photography Workshop

TBD

This workshop will be packed with action photos as the dog members practice their agility.

Entomology Workshop

April 25th 5 pm Extension Office

If you are enrolled in the project, bring your boxes and supplies along for a workshop packed with rehydrating information as well as many other exciting topics. Please come if you are interested in bugs or maybe to see what entomology is all about.

Static Committee

We still have our sticker fundraiser going, made by our community 4-H members. Stickers 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5. If you have not got yours yet, please reach out to the Extension Office. We would like to provide more workshops for static projects including but not limited to leather, sewing, photography, scrapbooking, cooking, and baking. If you are interested or know somebody that is skilled in any of these and would like to lead or help with a workshop, please call the Extension Office so we can provide education in any or all these areas. We are working on lining up workshops and will post dates and times soon.

Next Meeting May 19th at Noon at the Extension Office

Static Intent to Sell Forms

Due May 15th

Static intent to sell forms are required if you are interested in selling your project at the indoor auction. Please fill these out and return them to the office.

The intent to sell forms are due May 15th with \$5 per item. Forms are available at the Extension Office and online under the Printable Documents page. Please bring \$5 cash, not a check, if you choose to bring a check, please be aware it will not be cashed until after pre-fair Interview Day. Any item that receives a red ribbon cannot be sold and money for that project will be returned to the member on pre-fair interview day.

DID YOU KNOW

Horse:

Did you know that we require you to submit horse cards for fair. Please fill them out and have them back to the extension office by June 1st!

Fair:

It's easy to get swept away in the competition for grand champion and selling an animal at the Fair. However, through 4-H livestock projects youth are learning a magnitude of life skills such as responsibility, record keeping, sportsmanship, goal setting and problem solving.

General:

CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY

The Extension office should receive a copy of your monthly club meeting minutes. All minutes must include the club name & meeting date, FIRST and LAST names of members/leaders and a description of what was talked about/decided/voted on, etc. Include all the details that would be helpful to a member that missed the club meeting. Minutes must also include club expenses that were voted on using Roberts Rule of Orders (Parliamentary Procedure). Minutes may be typed on your computer and submitted in hard copy to the Extension Office or emailed to christina.england1@montana.edu.

Livestock:

Swine are a monogastric (non-ruminant) animals, meaning they have a single chambered stomach. Animals of this class require all essential amino acids in order to grow and thrive. In particular, swine typically requires supplemental Lysine and Methionine. Meaning it would be wise to choose a feed that meets these requirements or to supplement amino acids that your feed is deficient in. If you ever have questions regarding feeds and nutrition, please reach out to the Extension Office for assistance.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Bank of the Rockies Scholarship 2025

Bank of the Rockies is offering a scholarship for the 2025 fair year. This scholarship is open to anyone in a large animal project that is eligible to participate in the Fergus County Fair. The goal of this scholarship is to help young farmers and ranchers with the expenses associated with their projects.

The deadline for this scholarship is May 31st, we encourage you to apply! See attached application. Applications are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), and at the Extension Office.

Colt Reisig Project Scholarship 2025

The Colt Reisig Project Scholarship is in memory of a young 4-H member who has left us too soon. This scholarship is to remember his generous, kind heart he shared with everything he did. Now passing on in his name, to other 4-H members a kind contribution to help with their 4-H project success.

Applications are open and close June 1, 2025. If application is not turned in on time they will not be accepted.

The applications will need to be returned to Fergus County Extension Office.

If you are interested, the criteria for applying for the project scholarship is: you must be a 4th year member and up, can be in a small or large animal project, and must be able to fill out an application on your own without parental help. If anyone wants to donate to this scholarship, the donor checks need to be written to the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council with Colt Reisig Memorial wrote in the memo line. **Applications are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), and at the Extension Office.**

4-H CONGRESS 2025

Save the date for Montana 4-H Congress 2025

Join us Tuesday, July 8th to Friday July 11th, 2025, on the MSU Campus for an amazing leadership opportunity

Montana 4-H invites all members 4-H age 13 and older (as of October 1st, 2024), volunteers, and MSU Extension faculty and staff to the 2025 Montana 4-H Congress event on the Bozeman campus of Montana State University. 4-H'ers from across Montana have been attending this event on MSU campus for nearly 100 years. The following briefly describes the activities and events that are available at State 4-H Congress.

Demonstration- You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We can take any number of competitors.

Career Communication- You practice the skills of applying for a job including an application, cover letter and resume.

Public Speaking- You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest.

Fashion Revue- We may take more than one participant.

Horse Judging- We can take a team of four.

Livestock Judging- We may take a team of 4 or individual members to compete in judging classes and give reasons.

Stir-Ups Contest- This is a fun, challenging food program where members plan a meal, prepare a low-fat main dish, display the meal, and create a notebook. We can take individuals or teams. **Gavel Games-** This is a Parliamentary Procedure contest. Teams of four compete. Contact Roni if interested.

Quilting- Quilts judged at the county

Horse Skillathon- A team of four can compete in this contest about horse knowledge.

Video- Learn communication skills through creating, editing, and presenting a video.

Visit the State 4-H website to learn more specifics about each contest or go to

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.htm

To access the registration for this event, log in to your ZSuite account and click on events in the left menu. If you are eligible to attend this event, then it will appear in your events. **Registration Deadline is June 15.**

Each county has their own deadlines, requirements, and process for attending Montana 4-H Congress, so it is important to talk with your office soon. Attendees are not required by the state to participate in a contest.

Registration for 4-H Congress is \$250 and includes lodging for 3 nights, 7 meals, and program costs. Parking on campus is an additional cost and will be billed if selected.

Youth must be at least 13 years old as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Chaperones must be certified 4-H Volunteers or MSU Extension staff who are at least 21 years of age.

Follow Montana 4-H Congress on social media to get updates on contests, workshops, speakers, and other event information. facebook.com/Montana4h /

~ Congress Meeting TBD ~

CENTRAL MONTANA FAIR 2025

Fair Entry May 1st

Theme: Take Ewe to the Fair 2025



Fair Entry's Begin May 1 and Close June 1

We will use the Fair Entry online program again. Detailed instructions will be posted on Facebook, Instagram, ZSuites, Fergus Extension Website (Printable Documents), Extension Office and a separate email will go out with an attachment.

4-H Record Books

Remember that your 4-H records should be up to date on pre-fair interview day- **July 15th.** Your record books should have entries in What I Did-What I Learned, Expenses, (feed records need to be up to date with cost)

Fair Entry and Online Entry Begins May 1st

This is where you will register for your entries you will be bringing to fair. Remember you must be enrolled in the project to take an entry to the fair.

Online Entry

http://centralmtfair.fairentry.com/

Fair Entry instructions are available online on our Fergus Extension webpage under Printable Documents, ZSuites, Facebook, Instagram, emailed (sent), or a hard copy is available in the office. Instructions will be sent out by email, as the fairgrounds are not printing a fair book again this year. Please read all the instructions carefully before you begin your entries. Contact the office with any questions.

Grace period for Fair Entry

June 2nd-15th

You will need to come into the Extension Office, pay a \$5 late fee per person and have us enter your exhibits. No entries accepted after June 16th.

Showmanship Classes

A common mistake is entering the wrong age group for animal showmanship classes. You enter by your 4-H Age-how old you were on October 1, 2024, not your current age.

Showmanship is required for anyone selling a market animal.

Fair Entry Changes Deadline

July 1st

We will send a copy of your fair entries in the mail to you with the July 4-H Newsletter. I am going to try and email out entries (your families only) with the newsletter while also mailing out a newsletter with your fair entries this year. That way you will get all the information ASAP. All families will get a mailed July/August Newsletter (We do not send out an August newsletter). Any family who wants a fair book, I will have some copies in the office.

Please carefully proofread your entries and call the Extension Office, 535-3919, by July 1st with any changes, additions, deletions.

FAIR INFORMATION

Social Media

If you don't already, please go and follow our Facebook Page. This page is updated frequently with everything 4-H related and will be the easiest way to find everything in one place quickly.

During Fair we will be posting Daily Schedules, deadlines, updates, etc...

~ <u>4-H Fergus/Petroleum County</u> ~

We also have an Instagram with the same name you can follow for updates all year and during fair. Instagram does not offer scheduled post and so posting on there may vary more than Facebook.

Facebook & Instagram Facebook Group:

4-H Fergus/Petroleum County

Instagram Page:

4hferguspetroleumcounty <u>Important Web Pages</u>

Montana State University Printable Documents & Fliers

http://fergus.msuextension.org/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html

<u>Antana State University Fergus County 4-H Club</u> http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html

<u>Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Newsletters Montana State University Fergus</u> <u>County 4-H Clubs</u> http://fergus.msuextension.org/4H.html

4-H Food Booth Sign Up June 2nd

Shift sign up for the 4-H Food Booth will open **June 2nd 5pm** on Sign up Genius. All members, cloverbuds and at least one of their parents should be signed up for a shift by **July 1st.**

Notes:

- Kids 12 and older do NOT need a parent on a shift with them. Please split up if you can assist on another shift needing help.
- Cloverbuds and 1 parent are required to work a shift.
- Stick to the ages assigned, we have the age groups spread out so each job can be easily covered. We will be checking these as they come in.
- Do not take a shift during a time you have a show going on. Keep in mind a show may take longer than scheduled or start later than the scheduled.
- Shifts fill up VERY fast opening day of scheduling, if you are needing a specific shift, get on their quick. We get fair week is busy, please contact the office with any questions.

Link will be available on: Email, Facebook, Instagram, and ZSuites.

Fair Time Camping Spots at the Central Montana Fairgrounds

It is that time of year where you should start thinking about if you would like to get a camping spot reserved out that the fairgrounds. These spots start to fill up fast once the weather gets nice out.

To reserve a spot, you need to go out to the Fairground Office and fill out a form there. There is not an online form or link to reserve online. Vicki also sent out an email with reservation details.

You can contact Vicki at the fairgrounds at 406-535-8841 with any questions. Please note the 4H Office has nothing to do with booking and reserving camping spots.

Fair Book- When available (TBD)

There will again not be a printed fair book this year. Fergus county fairgrounds has decided to not print one due to cost. This means the book is only available online and can be printed by you or you can contact the office, and we will print the 4-h section for you upon request.

Link for fair book (premium book): https://cmtfair.com/ or https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html

It is very important that you read the schedule and the introductory pages in those sections, plus the information for your specific entries.

CENTRAL MONTANA FAIR 2025

Fair Help Needed

Please contact the Extension Office if you are willing to help with any of the following jobs at 406-535-3919 or <u>fergus4h@montana.edu</u>.

- Pre-fair Interview Day Set Up- Monday, July 14th, 9:00am to noon
- Pre-fair interview Clerking, Check In, Display Set Up- July 15th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Horse Show Set Up- July 16th, 5:00pm (All horse members are required to assist unless otherwise discussed)
- Foods and Gardening Interview Clerks, Check in- July 21st, 11 am to 2:00pm
- Indoor Exhibit Security in the Trade Center- July 23rd -27th, 11am 9pm- 2-hour shifts
- Small Animal Barn Security- July 23rd -26th, noon to 8pm and July 27th, 9am to Noon, 2hr shifts
- Thank you place cards- during the livestock sale on Friday
- Thank you note table- July 26th, 9am to Noon

Ballyhoo Discount

Ballyhoo generously supports 4-H by giving us a 25% discount on pictures and flyers. **Enter 4H2025** in the code box when checking out online or let them know it is for 4-H when you pay in person. Remember to thank them for their generosity when you get your pictures!!

Ultrasound at Fair

Elin Kittleman will be at the fair again to ultrasound. Every youth member will be allowed 1 animal be paid for by the Livestock Committee. **Additional animals will need to be paid for by July 18th in order to get on the list. If you write a check and decide not to get a 2nd, 3rd, etc... animal ultra sounded, you can get your check back.**

Junior Livestock Superintendents

Again, this year we will be having Jr Livestock Superintendents at the Central Montana Fair. We are looking for senior members who would like the opportunity to assist the species superintendents in the livestock barns. We ask that you be willing to work with your superintendent and learn about what it takes to put on the show.

Meet Ewe at the Fair

LIVESTOCK & LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Swine Tags Due April 15th

Swine tags are here in the office available for pickup. If you cannot make it in during business hours, just let the office know and we will put them in the mailbox outside for after-hours pickup.

Cody is planning to offer another OPTIONAL weigh-in and tagging day for swine. The tentative date for that will be April 13th at 10am at the Pavillion. Anyone needing help weighing and tagging their animal will be able to come today and Volunteers will be there to help you weigh, tag, get your picture and fill out your paperwork.

Swine Tags pictures and weigh sheets are due back to the office by April 15th.

Options for turning in Weigh Sheets and Pictures

- Email in a clear picture of your swine with their ear tags and a picture or scanned copy of your weigh sheets to fergus@montana.edu or allison.smith11@montana.edu.
- Turn in a hard copy of your weigh sheet and email in a clear picture of your swine with their ear tag.
- Turn in a hard copy picture of your swine and email in a picture or scanned copy of your weigh sheet.
- Hand in a hard copy of your weigh sheet and clear picture of your swine with their ear tag.

Sheep & Goat Tags are Available

Sheep & Goat tags are here in the office available for pickup, starting April 1st. If you cannot make it in during business hours, just let the office know and we will put them in the mailbox outside for after-hours pickup.

Cody is planning to offer another OPTIONAL weigh-in and tagging day for Sheep & Goat. The tentative date for that will be May 11th at 10am at the Pavillion. Anyone needing help weighing and tagging their animal will be able to come today and Volunteers will be there to help you weigh, tag, get your picture and fill out your paperwork.

Sheep and Goat Tags pictures and weigh sheets are due back to the office by May 15th.

Optional Swine Weigh-In Date April 13th Time TBD CMT Pavillion

Similar to last year, the extension office will be offering assistance for tagging your swine project. Please let the office know by April 11th if you are wanting assistance to tag your project on April 13th so that we can get an accurate headcount. This event will be held at the fairgrounds and a tagger will be present.

Animal Quality Assurance (TQA) April 13th 2pm Sheriff's Complex

There will be at the Boys and Girls Club on April 13th at 2pm. This animal quality assurance training will be geared for members new to the small animal and horse projects.

Fergus-Petroleum County Extension Office will be piloting a new Animal Quality Assurance (AQA) program that will reduce the number of recertifications required by our members. The new AQA program would require all members who are taking an animal project for the first time to take the required AQA training, this would cover the member through the remainder of their junior and intermediate (8-13) years. Recertification would not be required until members began their senior age group (14+), at which point the member would need to attend the required AQA training.

• AQA Trainings will be offered on the following dates:

- Younger Member Small Animal & Horse: May 13th 2pm Sheriff's Complex.
- Older member Livestock: April
- Older Member Small Animal: June

Livestock Judging Kids Fundraiser

The 4-H judging teams are conducting a fundraiser to help pay for travel and other expenses to animal evaluation events. If you would be interested in purchasing a 4-H wild rag, please reach out to the Extension Office or contact one of our livestock judging kids if you are interested.

SMALL ANIMAL & LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE

Poultry Production Workshop

April 16th Time and Location TBD

On April 16th there will be a Poultry Production workshop put on by MSU Extension. This workshop will cover topics regarding bird selection to nutrition and disease risks. If you are interested, please reach out to the Extension Office for more information at (406) 535-3919.

Small Animal Spring Showmanship Clinic June 16th at 5:30pm at Fergus County Fairgrounds- Small Animal Barn

Bring your animals for an opportunity to practice your showmanship skills in your animal project. You will also learn how to show all other small animals. This is a great learning opportunity for you and your animal. This is a time for all small animal members to come and learn how to show not only their animal but all small animals. This will come in handy when you win showmanship and get to compete in the Round Robin at fair. All small animal members should attend. You will learn about fitting and preparing your animal for fair, what to bring to the fair and how to show your animal. You will also practice with the other species.

All species, except poultry, should bring their animals to practice with. We will have an alternative for poultry members to practice with, so you should still attend.

Small Animal Committee Meeting

June 16th at 6:30pm at Fergus County Fairgrounds- small animal barn (following clinic)

Will follow the showmanship clinic on June 16th.We will be discussing fair details and assuring we are prepared for fair.

Small Animal Quiz and Skill Bowl

dates and times - TBD

This will be an exciting way to practice what you know and learn more to amaze the judge this summer. This committee will iron out the details and an announcement for a date and time will be announced. Watch your emails!

Dog Practice

Small Animal Barn- Lewistown Fairgrounds

All classes will be outside the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds. We will start with the off-lead members at 6pm and the rest of the members will join them at 5:30pm.

Dates:

- April 3rd 5:30pm Small Animal Barn
- April 14th 5:30pm Small Animal Barn
- April 17th 5:30pm Small Animal Barn
- April 28th 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

Be sure to bring your dog, a leash, choke chain, showmanship lead, treat, water, and water bowl.

Contact Nicole Tholt with any questions.

Rabbit and Poultry Practice April 10th 5-6 pm Small Animal Barn Agility course is set up, bring your animals to practice showmanship.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING MAY 12TH 6PM SHERIFF'S COMPLEX

LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE APRIL 9TH AND 23RD 4PM EXTENSION OFFICE

HORSE JUDGING PRACTICE APRIL 16TH AND 30TH 4PM EXTENSION OFFICE

<u>HORSE</u>

Horse and Small Animal ID Cards

Due June 1st

Horse and Small Animal ID Cards are available at the 4H Office. If you plan to show a small animal project or horse project at the 2025 Central Montana Fair, you will need to have an id card filled out and turned back into the office by June 1st. Please contact the office with any questions.

Horse Sponsorship information

Sponsorship forms attached to newsletter & are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), & at the Extension Office

- These are due JUNE 1st!
- Each 4-H member enrolled in the horse project needs to get at least \$50 worth of sponsorships to help with prizes.

Horse Committee Meeting

April 22nd (Tuesday) 5:30pm Extension Office

The next horse committee meeting is scheduled for April 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office. ***Please note this is a Tuesday evening and NOT the regular Monday.

Monthly Horse Practices

Kylie will be having practices at the Bear Paw Arena two Thursdays a month. If you would like to be on the group text for updates, please call or text Kylie: 406-925-9577. These are free to any 4-H member.

Penny is having practices every Thursday at the Fairgrounds. Please contact her if you are interested.

Horse Clinic Dates

The **Performance Horse Clinic** will be held **May 31st and June 1st.** Chris Brown from Billings is our clinician.

The **Ranch Horse Clinic** will be held **May 10th** at the fairgrounds. Curt Pate is the clinician Stay tuned for more information on both in the future.

Horse Book and Helmet Policy with video

• If you are a new member or this is your first year in the horse project, please watch the helmet video which can be found on our website.

- All members will need to sign the helmet policy form.
- Please read over the horse policy book and sign it if you are a new member or if this is your first year in the horse project.
- Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7_Bpc_Q6hw

Horse ID Cards

Due June 1st Ext Office

Horse ID cards can be picked up from the Extension Office starting April 1st. Please fill out the horse card with the required information and return it to the Extension Office by June 1st!

MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, EVENTS & DUE DATES

Farm Safety Day April 8th 9am Livestock Pavillion

April 10th Rabbit & Poultry Practice 5pm Small Animal Barn

April 13th Leather Workshop 3-5pm Sheriff's Complex

Swine Tags Due April 15th to the Extension Office

Poultry Production Workshop April 16th Time & Location TBD

Traveling Farm April 21st at 8:45am Snowy Mountain Lanes Bowling Alley

Horse Committee Meeting April 22nd 5:30pm Extension Office

Leaders Council Meeting April 24th 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

Entomology Workshop 5pm Ext Office April 24th 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

State Awards Due May 1st- see article above for more information

Livestock Committee Meeting May 12th at 6pm at the Sheriff's Complex

Senior Camp Registration Due May 12th Extension Office

Static Intent to Sell Forms Due May 15th Extension Office

Sheep and Goat Tags Due May 15th to the Extension Office

Static Committee Meeting May 19th Noon at the Extension Office. Bank of the Rockies Scholarship

Due May 31st- see article above for more information

Horse Clinic Dates

Performance Horse- May 31st & June 1st 8am Pavillion **Ranch Horse-** May 10th 8am Pavillion

Horse ID Cards Due June 1st Extension Office

Horse Sponsorship Forms Due June 1st Extension Office

Junior Camp Registration Due June 11th Extension Office

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic June 16th 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

Small Animal Committee Meeting June 16th 6:30pm Small Animal Barn

Radio 10:10am:

- April 4th
- April 18th
- April 25th

Food Safety Dates Everyone is Welcome

April 6th- 3 p.m. (Sunnyside Shiners club in Denton)

April 13th-1 p.m. (Christina Busy Bees at the Boys and Girls Club)

April 14th- 5 p.m. (Snowy Mountain Trailblazers at Central Baptist Church

April 27th- 2 p.m. (Sherrif's Complex) -There will be a Cloverbud activity held during this session!



Cloverbud Camp Counselor Meeting Time and Date TBD

Cloverbud Camp- Quest for Adventure June 2nd 9am First Christian Church

Join us for a medieval adventure as we build cannons and take down kingdoms! Cloverbud camp is for any member enrolled in the 2024/2025 year as a cloverbud. Registration Due: May 30th Registration Forms available: Attached to newsletter email, Extension Office, MSU webpage under printable documents, and on ZSuites.

Senior Camp- June 9th-13th

Registration due May 12th

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Save the date for this exciting adventure June 9-13th. Registration due May 12th

Registration starts March 1st in Z-suites. Registration forms and waivers can be found in Z-Suites when you register and at the Extension Office.

Junior Camp Counselor Meeting

Time and Date TBD

Junior Camp- Explorers of the Deep- June 24th-26th Registration due June 11th

We will be at Camp Maiden for Junior Camp! Get ready to have a fun few days of adventure, games, activities, music and meeting new and old friends around the campfire. Junior camp is for any members 4-H age 8 - 11 as of October 1, 2024.

Registration Fee: \$30 Registration Due June 11th Registration Forms available: Extension Office, MSU webpage under printable documents, and on ZSuites.

Tween Camp-August 7th-10th Registration due TBD

We're incredibly excited about our 4-H Tween Camp adventure to West Glacier! We have an amazing itinerary packed with activities, from visiting Glacier National Park to engaging in fun projects. We can't wait to connect with nature, learn new skills, and make lasting memories with our fellow 4-H members. We're ready for an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, friendship, and the great outdoors! Registration and fee information will be coming soon.

Fun Camp Quotes

"Summer camp is a canvas where children paint their dreams, create lifelong memories, and find the colors of their true selves."

"Chasing sunsets and memories at summer camp."

"Camp is a place where friends are made, memories are created, and dreams are born."

"The best part of summer camp is the freedom to be yourself."

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Public Speaking/Gavel Games Day Results

Congratulations to all the participants who attended March 23rd. Public Speaking is a fundamental part to becoming a great leader. It is wonderful to see so many kids taking the steps to grow their confidence and skills in public speaking and parliamentary procedure.

Congratulations Knealy Arntzen and Leona Berger on giving a great show and tell presentation in our Cloverbud category and getting a blue ribbon.

Congratulations on 1st Place Cassandra Yaeger, 2nd Place Hadassah Plouffe, Blue Ribbon - Knox Arntzen, Ian Berger, Jacob Berger, Magnus Arntzen, and Zade Green for your amazing demonstration and illustrated talks in the Junior level. You made the judges work to pick the best one.

Congratulations on 1st Place Josiah Plouffe and 2nd Place Briella Arntzen for your informative Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks in the Intermediate level.

Congratulations on 1st Place Hailey Gallagher, 2nd Place Kendall Teppert, and Blue Ribbon Klara Dunphy for your informative Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks in the Senior level.

Congratulations on 1st Place to Virgil Tholt in Senior Impromptu and Jasper Tholt for 1st Place in Intermediate Impromptu.

The Overall 1st placings in each level and category is as follows:

Knealy Arntzen and Leona Berger on Blue Ribbons or your CloverbudShow & Tell

Cassandra Yaeger 1st place Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Junior

Josiah Plouffe 1st place Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Intermediate

Hailey Gallagher 1st place Demonstration/Illustrated Talk Senior

Virgil Tholt 1st place Impromptu Senior

Jasper Tholt 1st place Impromptu Intermediate

Gavel Games

We had 3 Gavel Games Teams

Senior Team: 1st Place - Virgil Tholt, Johnnie Schultz, Jasper Tholt, Mason Schultz, Tucker Thompson, and Wyatt Schultz
 Junior Team: 1st Place - Chloe Shaw, Ryan Thompson, Remy Hollender, Nora Miller, Emery Iverson, and Wade Shaw
 Cloverbud Team: 1st Place - Carter Hollender, Ben Miller, Malcolm Miller, and Rex Thompson

SHOUTOUT PAGE

Juniors

Impromptu



Seniors



Junior Gavel Games Team

















4-H CALENDAR

<u>April</u>

1st-Horse Cards Available

- Small Animal Cards Available
- 3rd-Dog Practice Cancelled

4th- Radio 10:10am

8th-Farm Safety Day 8am Pavilion

9th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office 10th- Rabbit & Poultry Practice 5pm Small Animal Barn

12th- Family Health Expo Petting Zoo 10am Trade Center

13th- Optional Swine Tagging Assistance (RSVP)

- TQA Workshop for Small Animal & Horse (anyone is welcome though) 2pm Sheriff's Complex
- Leather Workshop 3-5pm Sheriff's Complex 14th- Dog Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn 15th- Swine Tag Information Due
- Project Drop/Add Deadline
- Design Your Own & Independent Study Goals Due to the Ext Office
- 16th- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- Poultry Production Workshop (TBD)

17th- Volunteer Appreciation Workshop 4pm Location TBD

• Dog Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn 18th- Radio 10:10am

20th-26th- Volunteer Appreciation Week 21st- Traveling Farm 9am Bowling Alley 22nd- Horse Committee Meeting 5:30pm Ext Office

23rd- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office

24th- Leaders Council Meeting 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex

25th- Radio 10:10am

 Entomology Workshop 5pm Extension Office

28th- Dog Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn 30th- Horse Juding Practice 4pm Ext Office

<u>May</u>

1st- Fair Entry Begins

• State Awards Application Due

10th- Ranch Horse Clinic

11th- Optional Sheep/Goat Weigh-in Day (RSVP)

12th- Senior Camp Registration Due

 Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex

15th- Sheep & Goat Tag Info Due

• Intent to Sell Forms Due

19th- Static Committee Meeting 12pm Ext Office

26th- Office Closed Memorial Day 30th- Cloverbud Day Camp Reg Due 31st- Bank of the Rockies Scholarship application due

• Performance Horse Clinic Day 1

<u>June</u>

1st- Fair Entry Deadline

- Horse Sponsorship Forms Due
- Horse ID Cards Due
- Small Animal ID Cards Due
- Performance Horse Clinic Day 2

2nd- Cloverbud Day Camp 9am First Christian Church

2nd-15th- Fair Entry Grace period 9th-13th- Senior Camp

11th- Junior Camp Registration Due

15th- Fair Entry Final Deadline

16th- Small Animal Showmanship Clinic

& Meeting 5:30pm & 6:30pm

24th-26th- Junior Camp

4-H CALENDAR

<u>July</u>

4th- Office Closed Independence Day
6th-11th- Pre Congress & Congress
14th- Pre-Fair Interview Day Setup
15th- Pre-Fair Interview Day
Horse Show set-up 5pm Pavillion

16th-Pocket Pet & Cat Show 5:30pm Trade Center

- 17th- Ranch Horse Show 8am
 Set up of the Indoor Projects 5:30pm Trade Center
- 18th-Performance Horse Show 8am
- Ultrasound 2nd Animal Payment Due
 20th- Dog Show setup 2pm Gazebo Area
 - Small Animal Barn- setup and Decorate 5-7pm

21st-26th-Fair Week

<u>August</u>

7th-10th- Tween Camp

<u>September</u>

1st- Office Closed Labor Day

<u>October</u>

1st- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins.

Club Award Nominations Due

13th- Office Closed Columbus Day

Cloverbud Day Camp

Join Us

June 2nd 9am First Christian Church \$5

Come help your Kingdom win the games and become the Victor on this fine summer day.

Quest for Adventure

2025

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp 2025

Registration Due, May 30th

Please include \$5 registration fee- paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

Mail or Deliver to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Or Scan and email to fergus4h@montana.edu

Name	Gender	_Age on June 10, 2024	DOB / /
Email address	Cell Phone		
Parents Name	Cell PhoneLand Line		
Parents Name	Cell Phone	Land Line	e
Other Emergency Contact	Phone		
Allergies			
Medications			
Health History			
Yes No	l give permission for my chil	d to be given Tylenol, Antac	id or Benadryl.
I give permission, if needed, for	to be transported to the Emergency Room.		
Parent Signature		Date	

Code of Conduct

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No; alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or inappropriate attire. I will give all prescription or over the counter drugs I bring to camp to the camp nurse.

I understand that breaking any of the above rules of conduct will result in my parents being called and asked to come and take me from camp immediately.

SENIOR CAMP 2025

MAKING CONNECTIONS AND CONQUERING OBSTACLES: AMB WEST CHALLENGE COURSE JUNE 9TH-13TH

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Located at the <u>Mountain Sky Guest Ranch</u> in Emigrant, Montana, the Challenge Course is just a short distance from <u>West Creek Ranch</u>. The Challenge Course opened in 2018 and is used for event programming, team building, bonding and in-person interactions intended to bring people closer together.

The Challenge Course provides guests with an exciting opportunity to test their nerves on elements suspended 30 to 40 feet in the air. Guests start with a low ropes' element to get comfortable and then move onto the high elements with names such as "Islands in the Sky", "Multi Vines" and "Leap of Faith." Trained guides support guests while they take on different sections of the course that have them climbing, traversing, crawling, swinging and zip lining up to 20 miles per hour.

The Challenge Course is adaptable to the participants' goals and creates a shared experience for people of all ability levels. REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 1ST AGES 13+

Senior Camp 2025

Ages 13+

Registration Due, May 12th

Registration fee-\$60 and paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

Mail or Deliver to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Scan and email to fergus4h@montana.edu

Name	Age on August 2nd, 2024 DOB//		
Email address	dress Cell Phone		
Parents NameCell Ph	one Lanc	Line	
Parents NameCell Ph	one Land	Line	
Other Emergency Contact	Phone		
Allergies			
Medications			
Health History		, Ji	
YesNo I give permission for my child to be g	ziven Tvlenol. Antacid or Benadrv		
I give permission, if needed, for			

Parent Signature

Date

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Members Signature

PLEASE JOIN US JUNIOR CAMP 2025 Explorer's o the Deep JUNE 24TH-26TH **CAMP MAIDEN REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 11TH** AGES 8-11-ON JUNE 24TH

4-H Junior Camp 2025

Ages 8-11 as of June 24th

Registration Due, June 11th

Please include \$30 registration fee- paid to Fergus/Petroleum 4-H

Mail or Deliver to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Scan and email to fergus4h@montana.edu

Name	age on June 17, 2024	DOB// Gender	
Email address	Cell Phone		
Parents Name	Cell Phone	Land Line	
Parents Name	Cell Phone	Land Line	
Other Emergency Contact		_ Phone	
Allergies			
Medications			
Health History			
Would your parent be willing to chape		Mother	
Shirt Size Yes	No I give permission for my chil	d to be given Tylenol, Antacid or Benadryl.	
I give permission, if needed, for	to	be transported to the Emergency Room.	
Parent Signature	D	ate	

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Parents Signature

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Indoor Project Auction

INTENT TO SELL FORM

THIS FORM IS DUE TO THE FERGUS COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE BY <u>May 15th</u> Mail to: 712 West Main, Lewistown, MT 59457 or scan an email to <u>fergus@montana.edu</u>

<u>This form must be completed and returned with a \$5 cash payment per entry to the Extension office by</u> May 15th to participate in the auction.

Name	Phone	Age	
Address			
Email	4-H Club	4-H Club	

List your Indoor 4-H Projects for which you will be creating an exhibit to enter in the 4-H Indoor Division of the 2024 fair that would be an appropriate auction item you would be interested in selling in a live action on Thurs. July 25th at 4:00 pm.

Project & Level	Years in Project
Item Description	
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Item Description	

*You will be notified by June 1st how many items you may sell.

*The auction committee will make every attempt to have the auction finish in 1 to 1 ½ hours. The number of total auction items will be approximately 25 items.

*All auction items must have received a blue ribbon in the 4-H Division <u>AND member must have an up-to-date</u> record book presented at interview day. If both of these have been met a \$5 entry fee per auction item will be charged to cover indoor auction sale expenses.

*You will check in at the auction committee table on pre-fair interview day after your sale items have been judged. You will complete/edit your description at that time and have your photo taken with your sale item(s).

*You must be present to show your item at the auction on Thursday, July 24th, 3:30 location TBD at the fairgrounds.

4-H Horse/Ranch Horse Show Sponsorship

The Central Montana Fair is an opportunity for 4-H members to showcase their hard work for family and the public. Members compete alongside peers to demonstrate their skills and receive constructive feedback to help them improve and progress in their horse projects. To encourage and reward the members' hard work, the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Horse Committee provides a \$25 prize for the winners in each class of competition.

Having sponsors to help cover the cost of these individual classes allows the Horse Committee to allocate our funds for wider purposes, such as hiring quality judges and holding instructional clinics. Most importantly, your sponsorship would support our 4-H members as they learn, grow, and build lifelong skills through their horse projects.

Sponsorship Levels

Please make checks out to Fergus County 4-H, with "Horse Committee" in the memo line. Checks and sponsorship forms can be mailed to the Extension Office, 712 W Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457

	Bronze -	\$25	(1	class)
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Silver - \$50 (2 classes)

Gold - \$75 (3 classes)

Platinum - \$100+ (4+ classes)

Other amount:

Do you have a special request for which show(s) or class(es) you would like to sponsor?

Sponsor Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address:

Your sponsorship will be announced during the corresponding class(es) of the horse/ranch horse shows, and you will be listed as a sponsor in our program. If you choose to be a platinum sponsor, you are also welcome to hang a sign or banner in the pavilion or at the arena on show day.

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Colt R. Memorial

4-H Project Scholarship Application

Fergus-Petroleum and Judith Basin County 4-H

Due June 1, 2025 Please Return to Fergus County Extension Office 712 West Main, Suite 110 Lewistown, MT 59457

Please check the criteria to ensure you qualify before filling out the application.

- Need to be a 4th year 4-H member or older
- Enrolled in small or large animal project
- Must be able to write without parental instructions

This scholarship is to be used towards anything pertaining to your 4-H project, such as: supplies, equipment, animals, etc.

Personal Info	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
	rolled in and the number of years completed. Years:
Projects:	Years:
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1.) If given the scholarship, what would you use the money for?

2.) Why do you think you deserve the scholarship?

3.) How has 4-H impacted you?



Bank of the Rockies is offering one scholarship of \$250 for the upcoming 2025 fair year. The scholarship is open to anyone with a large animal project that will be presenting their animal at the Fergus County Fair. The scholarship can be used towards anything for your project: show supplies, feed, equipment, animal purchase, etc.

Name:	
Phone Number:	
Email:	
4-H project:	
4-H club:	

1. If awarded the scholarship, what would you use the money for? (Please provide an Income/Expense projection for your project.)

2. Explain your plan for your project for the upcoming year. (What you're going to feed, feed ratio, target ADG and weight.)

3. List all organizations, sports, extra-curricular activities involved in and awards, achievements received in each.

4. Why should you be awarded this scholarship from Bank of the Rockies?

When completed, drop off or mail into bank or your extension office: Bank of the Rockies; Tyler Hicks 401 W Main St, Lewistown, MT 59457