

4-H NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026

FERGUS-PETROLEUM COUNTY

Upcoming Dates & Events

- **February 11th | Valentine's Cakes to Office**
During Business Hours
- **February 11th | Leaders Council Meeting**
5:30pm @ Sherriffs Complex
- **February 12th | Static Committee Meeting**
Noon @ Extension Office
- **February 13th | Valentine's Day Cake Delivery**
All Day
- **March 2nd | Livestock Committee Meeting**
6pm @ Sherriffs Complex
- **March 9th | Public Speaking Day**
Registration Due
- **March 10th | Horse Committee Meeting**
5:30 @ Extension Office
- **March 22nd | Public Speaking Day**
Noon @ Boys & Girls Club

4-H Committee Minutes

4-H Committee Minutes for Leaders Council, Livestock Committee, Horse Committee, Small Animal Committee, and Static Committee can be found on the MSU Extension Fergus County website.

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/>

Announcements

Valentine's Day Cakes

Valentine's cakes will need to be delivered to the office by Feb. 11th. Cakes will be delivered on the 13th to customers. Please spread the word as the proceeds will go back into the 4-H programming.

REC Lab

REC Lab will be on Mar. 27-29th in Columbus, MT. If you are interested, please reach out to the Extension Office so we can keep you informed on registration dates.

Public Speaking Day

Registration for Public Speaking Day is due Mar. 9th to the Extension Office.



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Teresa Young

New Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Agent

I grew up on a small ranch outside of Townsend, MT. In 4-H, I took Foods, Sewing, Photography, Citizenship, Leadership, Poultry, and Horse over the years. I was an Ambassador and went to Multi-County Camp, Junior Leaders Camp, Citizenship Seminar (2x), Rec Lab, Fall Training, Pre Congress, and Congress (?4x). I competed in Speech & Demo day, Stir-ups, and Fashion Revue at the county level, and went to Congress in Stir-ups twice. So I have a broad non-livestock 4-H background. I graduated from MSU with my degree in Health&Human Development; Family Science. I served in Peace Corps Senegal as a Sustainable Ag Extension Agent. I moved to Lewistown in 2012 and have worked in medical social work, social services, and long term care administration. I ranch with my husband west of Buffalo, on the ranch my grandma was born on in 1918. I have 3 kids who are 5, 7, and 9.



Yearly Planning

The MSU Extension Office needs to receive the yearly plans from all of the listed groups below:

- Yearly Club Plan**
- Design Your Own Leadership Project**
- Independent Members**

Enrolling as an independent member comes with all of the responsibilities of a club, which includes submitting a yearly plan to the Extension Office. Projects such as Design Your Own and Leadership also come with their own responsibilities of additional requirements in planning for the year. By submitting your yearly plan it allows for both the 4-H program and MSU Extension to ensure the integrity of the program.

Thank You!

Thank you to all volunteers who helped with Montana Winter Fair and to those participants in the events! This was a great event to get the 4-H message out to the public!



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Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Public Speaking Registration

Contest on Sunday afternoon, March 22 nd at the Lewistown Boys and Girls Club

Due March 9th

Gavel Games Registration (**Date for Games TBD**)

Participants will be sent a schedule with their presentation time.

All participants please complete these first two lines.

Name _____ Email _____

Phone _____ Address _____

Public Speaking

Division -Age determined by your **4-H Age**. (Age on October 1, 2025)

____ Junior (8 to 10) ____ Intermediate (11-13) ____ Senior (14 +) ____ Cloverbud (5-7)

____ Demonstration or Illustrated Talk *Junior, Intermediate & Senior

____ Individual ____ Team of Two

____ Prepared Speech *Junior, Intermediate & Senior

____ Career Communication *Senior Only

____ Commercial *Junior Only

____ Show and Tell *Cloverbuds Only

Check all you will need.

____ Table ____ Easel ____ Projector ____ Screen Other _____

Special Scheduling Needs _____

Gavel Games

Please complete this form for each team member.

Coaches Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Team Name _____

Division -Age determined by the **4-H Age**, (Age on October 1, 2025), **of the OLDEST** member of your team.

____ Junior (8 to 10) ____ Intermediate (11-13) ____ Senior (14 +)

*Please refer to these documents saved in shared documents in Z-Suites

Gavel Games County Contest Guidelines

Public Speaking Tips, Times and more

Special scheduling needs _____