

4-H NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2026

FERGUS-PETROLEUM COUNTY

Upcoming Dates & Events

- March 2nd | Livestock Committee Meeting
6pm @ Sheriffs Complex
- March 9th | Public Speaking Day Registration Due
- March 10th | Horse Committee Meeting
5:30 @ Extension Office
- March 21st | Leadership Training
- March 22nd | Public Speaking Day
Noon @ Boys & Girls Club
- March 22nd | County Public Speaking & Gavel
Games Competition, all afternoon with schedule
TBD, Boys & Girls Club
- March 27-29th | Rec Lab, Columbus, MT
- March 31 | deadline for county 4-H scholarship
app
- April 15 | Swine weigh & tag deadline.
Get your tags from the office
- April 15 | Project add/drop deadline
- April 17 | Farm Safety Day
- May 15 | Lamb & goat weigh & tag deadline.
Get your tags from the office.

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

Project Literature books are available in club boxes at the Extension Office

Fergus-Petroleum County webpage has been updated

Ambassador t-Shirt Design Contest

due May 1 - include entry form

Indoor/Static Auction Intent to sell forms

due May 15 - form included

Scholarship Opportunity

due March 31 - form included

PBS Documentary 4-H Six Stories
March 20 @7:30

County Leaders Training

March 21 @ Council of Aging
2-5pm

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic

early June



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Ranch Horse Clinic

The Horse Committee is putting on horse clinics this spring for youth to learn and refine their skills. Dates for the clinics are April 25th and May 9th, with Jan Larsen as the clinician. These clinics will have a fee of \$50 per horse and are open to out-of-county youth as well as local youth. Registration will be on a first-come basis and space will be limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early!

Colt Reisig Memorial Scholarship

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.

Range Days

Here is an opportunity for youth who are interested in the Range project or simply have an interest in Montana range to learn in a hand-on series of workshops and activities. Montana Range Days will be June 22-24th in Malta, MT. A donor is looking to sponsor a youth member who wishes to attend.

4-H Camps

Cloverbud Camp

tentatively first week of June

Junior Camp @ Camp Maiden

week of 6/22-25

Tween Camp @ Fort Benton

August 10-12th

Senior Camp - tentatively @ Rangers Station of Crystal Lake

June 3-5th

Valentines Cakes

Made \$1030

Thank you to everyone who helped by making, selling, and distributing cakes!

Katy Jones

New Administrative Assistant

I am a third generation Navy veteran; I served from 1990-1998 during Desert Storm with MIUW-102. My granddaughter is currently serving in the Navy and is currently on her second deployment. Having worked a wide variety of federal jobs such as BLM, NPS, Dept of Navy, Dept of Veterans Affairs, Tribal work with the Colville Confederated Tribes Veterans Resource Program, as well as EMS, ranch work, racetracks, and as such I am a dedicated horsewoman. I'm already enjoying the pace and diversity of the extension office. I've spent my whole life in the west and am happy to call Montana my true home. I look forward to meeting all of you!



Livestock Showmanship Clinics

2026 Central MT Showmanship Clinic brought to you by Driven Livestock! I'm excited to announce that Travis Anderson and his team will be coming back to Montana to do a showmanship camp in Lewistown, MT. Limited spots available so you must RSVP via the Google Form and prepay!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc04cV6DRDLRhvqM4oj_Om2pVA3-LHUorgpKBd3ysQW-TiwHQ/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=111616773449785152183

When:

May 1st - Cattle

May 2nd - Goats/Sheep

May 3rd - Swine

Approximate time(s) of clinic are 9am to 4pm each day, but more details on that will come closer.

Where: Lewistown, MT Fairgrounds - Livestock Pavilion

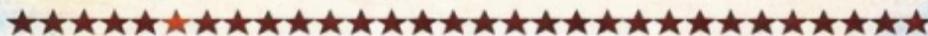
\$100/specie and \$50 each additional specie (sheep and goat count as one specie; can do one or both but they are the same day and combined).



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Lvk 1 Committee Meeting	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	Horse 10 Committee Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Leadership Training
Public 22 Speaking Day	23	24	25	26	27 REC Lab	28 REC Lab
29 REC Lab	County 30 Scholarship Deadline	31	1	2	3	4

HOLIDAYS AND OBSERVANCES: 17: ST. PATRICK'S DAY

T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST



Hosted by the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Ambassadors

Design a Fair-Themed T-Shirt!

Theme: Your design must be about the FAIR (animals, projects, exhibits, etc.)

Prize: The winning design will be printed, and the winner receives a FREE T-SHIRT!

Deadline: All submissions must be turned in by May 1st.

Name: _____

Club: _____

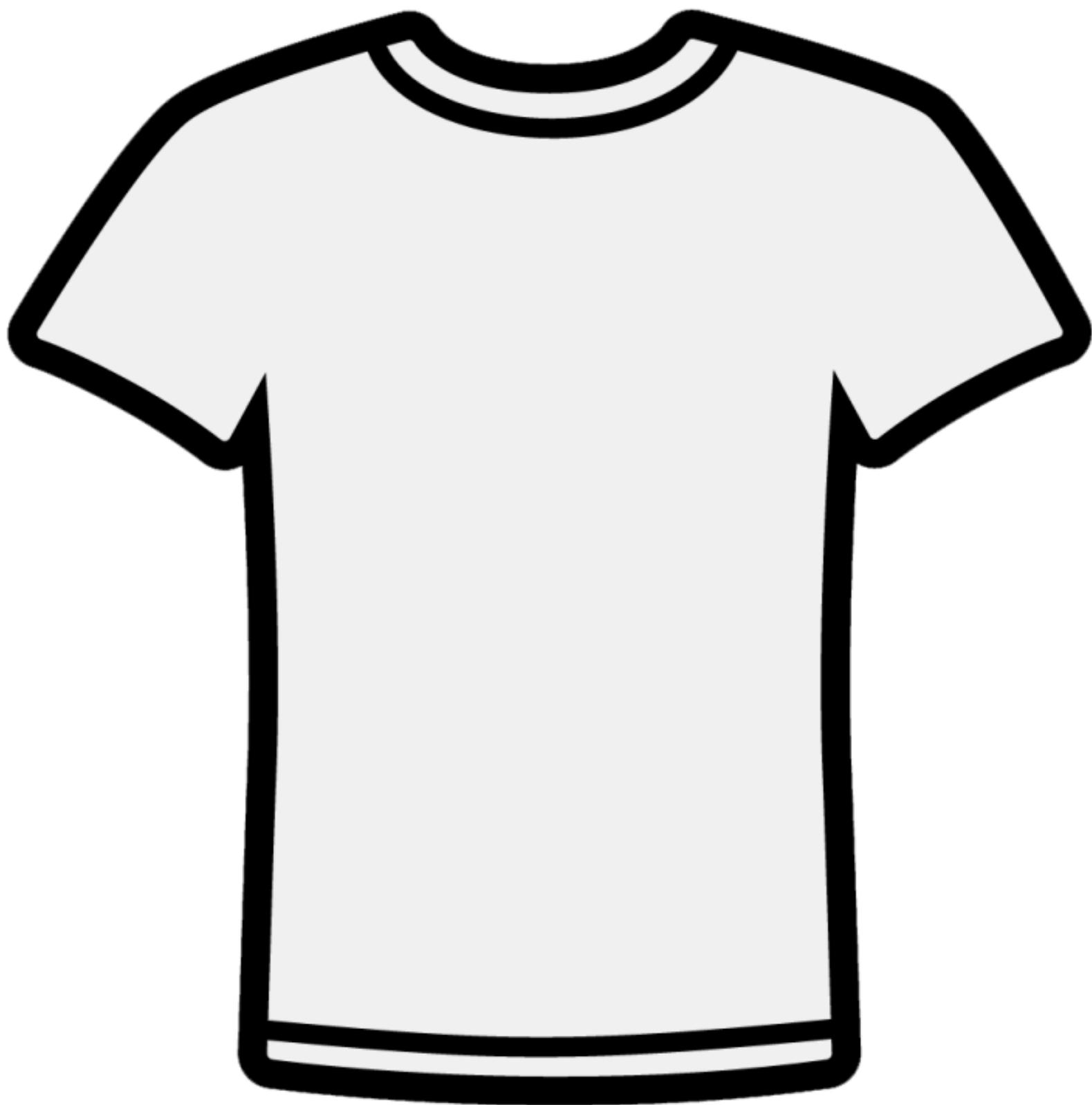
Email: _____

Phone: _____

Get creative and show your 4-H spirit!

Blank t-shirt on back of form

Questions? Contact a Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Ambassador or the extension office



(Optional use)

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 _____

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Indoor Project Auction

INTENT TO SELL FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY MAY 15TH TO SELL ITEMS IN THE SALE.

Mail to or drop off at 712 W. Main, Lewistown MT 59457

Or email to: teresa.young3@montana.edu

This form is an intent to sell only; and does not guarantee sales opportunity in the Indoor Auction. To qualify for sales at the Indoor Auction, an item must be awarded a BLUE ribbon in your fair interview; AND your record book is current at time of interview.

Each intent to sell entry will incur a \$5 auction item entry fee. This fee helps offset promotional expenses for the Indoor Auction. If your item doesn't qualify to sell; or if you change your mind and do not want to sell the item in the Indoor Auction your entry fee will be refunded.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

4-H AGE ON OCT.1: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

PROJECT & LEVEL: _____ YEARS IN PROECT: _____

ITEM #1 DESCRIPTION: _____

PROJECT & LEVEL: _____ YEARS IN PROECT: _____

ITEM #2 DESCRIPTION: _____

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

The Indoor Auction Committee will make every attempt to have the auction finish in 1-1.5 hours. The total number of auction items for sales will not exceed 25 items.

Email communication will be used to notify members/parents of Indoor Auction details, planning and expectations. *Auction success is dependent on individual member-sellers to solicit buyers and promote their items and the Indoor Auction. The Indoor Auction Committee will assist with general promotional support through flyers, sale catalog, newspaper and radio releases.*

Members must be present to sell your item in the Indoor Auction on Thursday July 23, 3:30 on the free stage of the mid-way of Fairgrounds.



Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Scholarship Application

Due March 31, 2026

Send to: Fergus County Extension Office
712 West Main, Suite 110
Lewistown, MT 59457

Please check the scholarship(s) you meet the criteria for, and you would like to be considered.

_____ **Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Leaders Council**

- Award paid after completion of your 1st college semester with proof of enrollment in your 2nd semester.
- May be used at any accredited college, university, or vocational technical center.
- This scholarship may be applied for by any graduating senior currently enrolled in 4-H in Fergus/Petroleum County, or any 4-H Alumni who have left the local program as a member their senior year of high school, within the last four years.
- Applicants must have been enrolled a minimum of 4 years as 4-H members.
- Applicants may only receive this scholarship once.

_____ **Open Box Ranch- Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Scholarship**

- Award paid after completion of your 1st college semester with proof of enrollment in your 2nd semester.
- May be used at any accredited college, university, or vocational technical center.
- This scholarship may be applied for by any graduating senior currently enrolled in 4-H in Fergus/Petroleum County with a background in agriculture.
- Applicants must have been enrolled a minimum of 3 years as 4-H members.
- Applicants may only receive this scholarship once.

Personal Information

Name
Address
Phone
Email
4-H Club
High School

Please list the 4-H Projects you have been enrolled in and the number of years you completed the project.

Project	Years	Project	Years

4-H Leadership- List and describe the leadership roles and activities you have participated in through 4-H.

4-H Community Service- List and describe the community service activities you have participated in through 4-H.

Non-4-H- Scholastic, Vocational, Extra-Curricular, Leadership & Community Service Activities

Institution Attending or Planning to Attend
Name
Admission Office Address
Major or Program

Attachments- please include all the following with your application.

- An essay of 300 words or less explaining why you have chosen to continue your education and how 4-H has provided you with the skills to be successful in the future.
- Three letters of recommendation from non-family members and non-extension staff. At least one must be from a 4-H Leader and one from a current teacher.
- Current Transcripts

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Mail to; Fergus County MSU Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457

Deadline March 31, 2026.