

February 4-H Newsletter

2025

~ THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS TOO MUCH CAKE ~

We will be selling Valentines cakes again this year. This fundraiser is for the Leaders Education Fund which pays for 4-H Leaders to attend trainings, Shooting Sports, Leaders Forum, Rec Lab, etc.

Members bake, decorate and donate desserts that are sold for \$10 each. Please put this on your meeting agendas as each club needs to bring at least 5 cakes. If you have a member interested in cooking up something other than a cake, please feel free to do so. We are interested in offering desserts along with cakes, such as cookies, brownies, cupcakes, pie, etc...

We ask that each club bring a minimum of 5 desserts to the Extension Office on Thursday Feb 13th. We do not have anywhere to refrigerate them, so waiting until Thursday to deliver them is best, but we will work with anyone who cannot make Thursday work.

Please make sure to wrap/cover your cakes well so they do not dry out between us getting them and them getting delivered. Using toothpicks or disposable containers with lids help to keep your designs from getting ruined before delivery.

We will be hand delivering them on Friday and would love it if you have a little time to help. This is a great way to say Happy Valentines Day or Thank you! We will be selling them for \$10. People can call or stop by the extension office to order and pay.

CAN YOU HELP??

If you are free Friday morning at 9:00 AM

Your help delivering cakes in Lewistown, would be much appreciated!

One or two hours, the more volunteers we have the less time it takes.

Please let the office know if you would be willing. 406-535-3919



NEW 4-H YEAR

For many of you this may be your first 4-H newsletter. The newsletter is filled with information you will need to know each month. Be sure to ask questions and learn about the activities and information listed. Feel free at any time to contact the Extension Office for further information. We enjoy having you stop in at the office but also encourage you to contact us by phone (406-535-3919) or email, Chris England at christina.England1@montana.edu, Allison at fergus@montana.edu or visit our Fergus County 4-H website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/4H.html> where you can find the newsletter and more information at the click of a mouse. **PLEASE REMEMBER**, if you email us and don't receive a reply saying, "Thank you", we have not received your email! Our firewall is rather stringent. You can also find reminders and photos on our 4-H Fergus Petroleum County Facebook page or [4hferguspetroleumcounty](#) on Instagram.

FOOD SAFETY TRAINING

FEBRUARY 9TH 1-3PM SHERIFF'S COMPLEX



Food Safety will be offered on February 9th at the Sheriff's Complex from 1-3. If you took food safety in 2022 or earlier, you would need to renew this year. Keep an eye out in the future for more dates.

Did You Know



Each year you sign a code of conduct when signing up for 4-H. This code of conduct states:

While attending 4-H activities and events at the club, county, state and national level, I will:

- Obey all rules established by the 4-H program, the local 4-H program and all local, state and federal laws.
- Conduct myself at all times in order to be a credit to the club, school and community.
- Dress neatly and appropriately for the occasion and in accordance with the activity dress code.
- Show respect for the rights and property of others; be courteous at all times.
- Be honest and not take unfair advantage of others.
- Refrain from disruptive behavior and swearing.
- Demonstrate sportsmanship, modesty in winning and generosity in defeat.
- Attend meetings and sessions promptly and respect the opinion of others in discussion.
- Be respectful of the authority of adult volunteers, youth leaders, 4-H staff and others in leadership roles.
- Not use, accept or carry alcohol, drugs or tobacco, or associate with others using the substances.

While attending overnight events, I will also:

- Not leave the activity or event unless permission is secured from my agent or chaperone.
- Not use my personal vehicle when it is not allowed by an event or trip.
- Care for the lodging property and respect the rights of other guests of the facility and observe all rules instituted by the property.
- Be in my sleeping area and stay there after curfew time and be out each day by the set time.
- Not enter the sleeping areas of members of the opposite gender and not invite non 4-H participants to the sleeping areas.
- Respect supervision at all times, being responsible to all adults connected with the trip or event.
- Be prepared to report to my local 4-H program knowledge gained by attending these activities.

General Behavior Expectations For Families

- Work cooperatively with youth, families, volunteers, Montana State Extension Service faculty and staff and others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating behaviors appropriate for a positive role model for youth.
- Provide a safe, drug and alcohol-free environment; do not harm youth or adults in any way, whether through sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect or other harmful experiences including divisive and slanderous statements through email and social media.
- Accept the results and outcomes of all 4-H contests and events with grace and empathy for all participants.

It is important to follow all withdrawal periods on any medication/drug administered to livestock in order to avoid illness in humans that may consume any product from the treated animal?

Withdrawals periods can be found on the label of all medications approved for use in livestock.

YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE & ATTEND MEETINGS

Youth are invited to participate in all the county meetings and on all the committees. We want you to be involved in the Livestock Committee, Static Committee, Leaders Council, Horse Committee, and Small Animal Committee. Come share your opinions and be part of the decision-making process in the county!

4-H Happenings

4-H RECORD SHEETS SHOULD BE STARTED

By now you should have completed your “Goals” for each of your project journals and on your “My 4-H Year” record. Below are some overall goals you should review now so your leader will be able to check “YES” on each when you turn your records in at the end of the year.

- Enroll in and complete at least one project.
- Set at least 3 goals to accomplish during the 4-H year.
- Complete the “My 4-H Year” journal form.
- Keep your journals up to date with the activities you do throughout the year.
- Participate in at least 3 activities such as judging, demonstrations, public speaking, tours, reports at club meetings, etc. and record them in “My 4-H Year”.
- List any awards and honors you receive.
- Complete the Projects and Financial Journal for each project.
- If you own an animal, keep records for it and complete the appropriate parts of the Animal Record. This will vary according to the animal you have.

4-H RECORD KEEPING TOOLS AND VIDEOS

Here are some helpful resources to start your record books manually or digitally in your ZSuite account. You can view detailed information and videos about how and why to create quality record sheets/books at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/index.html and Frequently Asked Questions About Record Books at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/RB_FAQ.html

Video Part 1: Why We do Record Books

Video Part 2: How to Make Record Books Valuable

Video Part 3: Ways to Complete a 4-H Record Book

Keeping records is a terrific way to develop your communication skills, organize your time, document events and actions, evaluate your efforts, set goals, solve problems, and keep track of expenses. When something important happens, WRITE IT DOWN! You’re doing records for you. It is a record of your progress. Take photographs throughout the year and select a few pertinent ones to include in your final records. **Fillable Record Book forms can be found on the Fergus County 4-H website under “printable Documents”.**

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 9TH AT 3PM ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE SHERIFF'S COMPLEX

Leadership Academy will be on February 9th at 3:00 PM at the Sheriff's Complex. If you can't attend in person, you can use the link to join from home. The Leadership Academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their local 4-H program in new ways.

Local leadership groups will have an opportunity to join with members from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship. Each month the officer team will be presenting a different workshop topic that they found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities.

This month is Leading with Confidence Presented by Bonnie Radke from Gallatin County This workshop will teach attendees how to be confident, but not arrogant. Learn all about how to grow your confidence through leadership and how to use it properly.

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html

4-H Happenings

PUBLIC SPEAKING & GAVEL GAMES

MARCH 23RD- 12:30PM - BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

~Registration Due: March 11th

Mark your calendars for County Public Speaking Day! March 23rd at the boys and girls club. This event allows you to compete in public speaking on the county level. For those of you wanting to compete at State Congress in public speaking you must attend and place to compete at Congress. This is also a perfect opportunity to improve your communications and public speaking skills. Remember you will always need these skills no matter what you choose to pursue in life. All members and cloverbuds should be doing a presentation in their club.

Registration form is attached and due back to the Extension Office by March 11th.

Open the link below to find IMPORTANT INFORMATION about Public Speaking/Gavel Games Day!

Link: <https://www.montana.edu/extension/fergus/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

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.

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.

4-H Happenings

RADIO

FEBRUARY 4TH AT 10:30AM, FEBRUARY 21ST AT 10:10AM AND FEBRUARY 28TH AT 10:10AM

Our radio slots are February 4th at 10:30, Feb 21st at 10:10 and Feb 28th at 10:10 AM. 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.

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 13TH AT 5:30PM AT THE SHERIFF'S COMPLEX

Leaders Council Meeting will be February 13th at 5:30 at the Sherrif's Complex. We will be organizing scholarship and endowment committees, and we will be reviewing the various committee's budgets. Please come and voice your opinions and stay current on the Council business, members are always welcome and encouraged since this is their program.

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 can be found on the Montana State 4-H Awards webpage at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html



Static Committee Fundraiser Stickers

1 for \$3

2 for \$5



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. The next static meeting will be February 24th at noon at the Extension Office. We will be discussing the indoor auction and workshops. 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.

Livestock, Horse, Small Animal

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.

ANIMAL SELECTION WORKSHOP

MARCH TBD

The Extension Office will be hosting an animal section workshop in the office in March following the First-time Livestock Animal Quality Assurance training. This workshop will go over the basics of selecting your swine, sheep, or goat project so that you can choose an animal that will set you up for success. Please contact the office at (406) 535-3919 if you are interested in participating. In your RSVP, please let the Extension Office know who will be attending and what project you are wanting to learn more about.

CATTLE FEEDING WORKSHOP

FEBRUARY 16TH AT 6PM GATEWAY SIMMENTAL

Cattle feeding workshop. Feeding cattle in the finishing period poses its own unique challenges. When finishing cattle for your fair project there are differences that you will need to be aware of. On February 16th at 6pm there will be a clinic that covers what, when, and how much you should be feeding your market steer projects in order to optimize gain and make the minimum market weight. We will be meeting at Gateway Simmental and Larry Hagenbuch will be covering topics followed by a question answer section. Extension Agent Cody Ream will also be present to answer questions and provide insight from his time working in a feedlot. Please RSVP to this event via email or by phone so that we can make sure to have enough space for everyone.

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.

HORSE COMMITTEE MEETING

MARCH 17TH AT 5:30PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 17th at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Office. We will be discussing clinics and more.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 10TH AT 6PM AT THE SHERIFF'S COMPLEX

Our next Livestock Committee meeting will be on February 10th at 6pm in the Sheriffs complex. We will be reviewing committees and what they have come up with, predominately the 2025 budget.

Livestock, Horse, Small Animal

HORSE JUDGING PRACTICE

FEBRUARY 5TH & 19TH 4PM EXTENSION OFFICE

Practice February 5th and 19th. All are welcome to join and learn more about horse evaluation.



LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE

FEBRUARY 12TH & 16TH 4PM EXTENSION OFFICE

Livestock Judging practice will be held on **February 12th** and **26th at 4pm** in the extension office. This is an open group to anyone who wants. Upcoming opportunities include a bull sale at Gateway Simmental on **Feb. 3rd** and the Cowtown Judging Contest in **Miles City on Feb. 7th**. I need to know ASAP if you are wanting to attend the Cowtown judging contest to see if we can register late.

ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (TQA)

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.

o **AQA Trainings will be offered on the following dates:**

- Younger Member livestock: March
- Younger Member Small Animal: May
- Older member Livestock: April
- Older Member Small Animal: June

HORSE SPONSORSHIP FORMS

DUE JUNE 1ST EXTENSION OFFICE

Horse sponsorship forms are attached later in the newsletter. These need to be returned by June 1st. Each 4-H member needs to obtain at least \$50 in sponsorships. This can be earned by multiple donors/donations and does not have to be \$50 from one person. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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.

Livestock, Horse, Small Animal

RABBIT AGILITY, RABBIT SHOWMANSHIP AND POULTRY SHOWMANSHIP PRACTICE

DATES AND TIMES - TBD

Please watch for emails with dates and times. This is not a required practice. But it does give you practice not only to work your animal but get tips and improve your showmanship.

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!

Winter Fair Results

CAT SHOW

Senior - 1st Briahna Pond Lewistown

Junior - 1st Cassandra Yaeger Lewistown

POULTRY SHOW

Senior - 1st Briahna Pond Lewistown

Intermediate - 1st Josiah Plouffe Lewistown

2nd Madison Pond Lewistown

Junior - 2nd David Pond Lewistown

3rd Hadassah Plouffe Lewistown

RABBIT SHOW

Senior - 1st Hailey Gallagher Lewistown

3rd Briahna Pond Lewistown

Intermediate - 1st Madison Pond Lewistown

Junior - 1st Cassandra Yaeger Lewistown

3rd Hadassah Plouffe Lewistown

AGILITY

Beginner - 1st Madison Pond Lewistown

3rd - Cassandra Yaeger Lewistown

4th - Briahna Pond Lewistown

5th - Hadassah Plouffe Lewistown

6th - Briahna Pond Lewistown

Intermediate - 1st Hailey Gallagher Lewistown

2nd Cassandra Yaeger Lewistown

Please let me know about things you and others are doing. We want to know about the great things going on in our 4-H Community.

THANKS TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS & FAMILIES WHO DONATED THEIR TIME OR FOOD TO HELP WITH THE WINTER FAIR CONCESSIONS.



Meetings, Workshop, & Events Dates

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

February 9th at 3pm at the Extension Office or by Zoom

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETING

February 10th at 6pm at the Sheriff's Complex. We will be reviewing committees and what they have come up with, predominately the 2025 budget.

LEADERS COUNCIL MEETING

February 13th at 5:30pm at the Sheriff's Complex

VALENTINE CAKE DROP OFF & DELIVERY

February 13th by Noon to the Extension Office
February 14th 9am start deliveries

CAMP COUNSELOR MANDATORY MEETING

February 23rd 2pm Extension Office

PUBLIC SPEAKING DAY

March 23rd at TBD at the Boys & Girls Club

RADIO DATES

February 4th at 10:30am, February 21st at 10:10am, and February 28th at 10:10am

HORSE JUDGING PRACTICE

February 12th and 26th at 4pm at the Extension Office

LIVESTOCK JUDGING PRACTICE

February 5th and 19th at 4pm at the Extension Office

SMALL ANIMAL COMMITTEE CLINIC AND MEETING

June 3rd at 5:30pm at the Fergus County Fairgrounds after Animal Clinic

STATIC COMMITTEE MEETING

February 24th at Noon at the Extension Office

HORSE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17th at 5:30pm at the Extension Office. We will be discussing clinics & more.

REC LAB 2025

March 28th-30th in White Sulphur Springs, MT

Baking Workshop



THANK YOU, JADEN MARTIN & TORI RINDAL,

Thank you, Jaden Martin and Tori Rindal, for hosting a cake decorating workshop over the Christmas break. 6 members attended and learned basic and some advanced techniques taking home (if not consumed) two decorated cupcakes.

Camps

CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS DUE AND MANDATORY MEETING FEBRUARY 15TH (APPLICATION DUE) FEBRUARY 23RD (MANDATORY MEETING)

There will be a junior camp counselor meeting on February 23rd at 2:00 PM at the extension office. Please come with ideas for a theme and activities. If you have not turned in your application, we are still accepting them through February 15th. This is a great opportunity to show leadership and make a difference in a younger members 4-H career.

CLOVERBUD CAMP COUNSELOR MEETING MARCH 16TH AT 1PM AT THE EXTENSION OFFICE

Cloverbud day camp planning meeting will be March 16th at 1:00 PM at the extension office. Please come with ideas for crafts and a theme if you are interested in helping with this camp.

SENIOR CAMP JUNE 9TH-13TH

We excited to be offering a new adventure this year for senior camp. We are again partnering with Judith Basin County and joining us this year will also be Chouteau County.

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TWEEN CAMP AUGUST 7TH-10TH

We're incredibly excited about our 4-H Tween Camp adventure to West Glacier! We have an amazing itinerary packed with fun 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.

CLOVERBUD DAY CAMP TENTATIVELY JUNE 2ND OR 16TH

More information to come :)

JUNIOR CAMP JUNE 23RD (COUNSELORS) JUNE 24TH-26TH

More information to come :)



Rec Lab

2025 REC LAB

MARCH 28-30, 2025

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, MT

DISTRICT 6 / LEWIS & CLARK, GALLATIN, MEAGHER, SWEET GRASS, WHEATLAND COUNTIES

What is Rec Lab? It sounds like a funny name for a 4-H event.

Rec Lab stands for Recreation Lab and means that everything is hands-on and fun!

This event is a 4-H member favorite: It 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 provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network.

Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1.

Adult chaperones must be as least 21 years of age.

MSU Extension Staff and Volunteers: The idea of sleeping on an air mattress in a school gym may not be your idea of a fun weekend, but this is a great event for you too! The program is conducive to meeting people from around the state and exchanging ideas. You are sure to gain some great info and bring home motivated youth leaders.

REGISTRATION

Registration Fee: Approximately \$100 (contact the extension office before paying)

Registration includes lodging, snacks, meals, t-shirts, workshops, and exciting speakers.

Individual participant registration fees should be paid to the county office. Counties should send one check including all participant fees to the designated host county.

CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

- **Full refund before TBD**
- **1/2 refund TBD to TBD**
- **NO REFUNDS AFTER TBD (1 week before event)**
- **Full refund for cancellations due to sickness minus cost for your t-shirt**

**Contact the Extension Office
with any questions!**



Scholarships and Grants

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the State 4-H Foundation scholarships can be found on the state 4-H website at <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>. The site has detailed requirements and deadlines. Fergus/Petroleum County Leaders Council Scholarship applications coming soon.

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 will open February 1st, 2025, 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.

See attached application.

Applications are available on ZSuites, Fergus Extension (Printable documents), and at the Extension Office.

4-H SENTENCE GRANT

A new mini-grant program with a total of \$10,000 available from Montana Farmers Union bolstered Montana 4-H club projects this past year, with applications opening soon for another \$10,000 in funding in January 2024. The process was simple to encourage clubs to apply by submitting a sentence about how they would use \$100.

Download the form and submit it to:

Montana Farmers Union

PO BOX 2447

Great Falls, MT 59403

Check out the 4-H Sentence Grants and other Scholarships at the link below

<https://montanafarmersunion.com/education/scholarships-grants/>

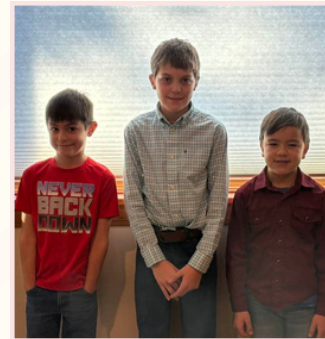
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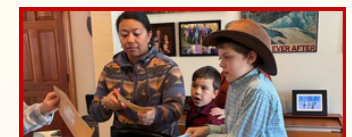
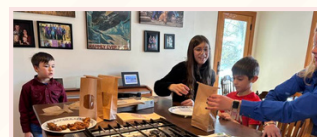
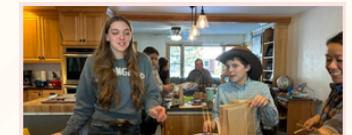
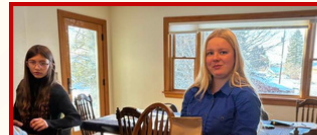
The number of years was debated, but the club completed their 20th or 21st year of cutting wood for the community. Huge thanks to Jim and Melody for feeding this large crew after we cut wood outside their guest house. We ended up with 7 truck loads full that were delivered to 9 people.



SILVER SPURS 4-H CLUB HORSE TREAT FUNDRAISER



The Silver Spur 4-H kids put together some horse treats for their fundraising project! We decided this year that the kids would be fully hands on with the entire process, so the kids have been doing great! The treats are homemade, packaged and delivered by the kids. We offer them through Facebook sales and at several locations in town! The kids pick them up and restock them! Thank you, Fleet Supply, Clear Creek Veterinary, Horizon Vet and Lewistown Auction Yards! They make apple/ carrot, and peppermint!



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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SHOUT OUT TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, BOTH REGISTERED AND NOT REGISTERED. WE WOULD NOT BE THE BEST 4H COMMUNITY WITHOUT THE HELP, DEDICATION, AND DETERMINATION FROM YOU TO MAKE OUR BEST, BETTER!!

February 2025

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Radio Spot 10:30am	Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Leadership Academy Webex 3pm Zoom or Sheriff's Complex Food Safety Training 1pm Sheriff's Complex	Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex		Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office	Valentine desserts due to the Ext Office Leaders Council Committee Meeting 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex	Deliver Valentine Cakes starting 10am	Junior Camp Counselor Applications due
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Office Closed Presidents Day		Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office		Radio Spot 10:30am	
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Camp Counselor Training 2pm Ext Office	Static Committee Meeting Noon Ext Office		Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office		Radio Spot 10:30am	

4-H Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 4th- Radio Spot 10:30am
- 5th- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 9th- Leadership Academy Webex 3pm
(location Sheriff's Complex)
 - Food Safety Class 1pm Sheriff's Complex
- 10th- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm
Sheriff's Complex
- 12th- Livestock Judging Practice
- 13th- Leaders Council Meeting 5:30pm Sheriff's
Complex
 - Valentine Cakes due to Ext Office
- 14th- Valentine Cake Delivery 10am
- 15th- Junior Camp Counselor Applications Due
- 17th- Office Closed Presidents Day
- 7th- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office
- 21st- Radio Spot 10:10am
- 23rd- Junior Counselor Training 2pm Ext Office
- 24th- Static Committee Meeting Noon Ext
Office
- 26th- Livestock Judging Practice
- 28th- Radio Spot 10:10am

MARCH

- 1st- EIN 1% Fee to the office from all clubs due
- 11th- Public Speaking Registration Due
- 16th- Cloverbud Day Camp Planning 1pm Ext
Office
 - Leadership Academy Webex 3pm (Zoom
or Extension Office)
- 17th- Horse Committee Meeting at
5:30pm Ext Office
- 23rd- Public Speaking & Gavel Games
1pm Boys and Girls Club
- 28th-30th- Rec Lab

APRIL

- 1st- Horse Cards Available
- 8th- Farm Safety Day 8am Pavilion
- 15th- Swine Tag Information Due
- 21st- Traveling Farm 9am Bowling Alley

MAY

- 1st- Fair Entry Begins
- 15th- Sheep & Goat Tag Info Due
- 26th- Office Closed Memorial Day

JUNE

- 1st- Fair Entry Deadline
 - Horse Sponsorship Forms Due
 - Horse ID Cards Due
 - Small Animal ID Cards Due
- 2nd-15th- Fair Entry Grace period
- 9th-13th- Senior Camp
- 15th- final day to sign up for fair
- 24th-26th- Junior Camp

JULY

- 4th- Office Closed Independence Day
- 6th-11th- Pre Congress & Congress
- 13th- Pre Fair Interview Day Setup
- 14th- Pre Fair Interview Day
- 16th- Ranch Horse Show 8am
- 17th- Performance Horse Show 8am
- 21th-26th- Fair Week

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 1st- Office Closed Labor Day
- October
- 1st- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins.
 - Club Award Nominations Due
- 13th- Office Closed Columbus Day

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Facebook Group:
4-H Fergus/Petroleum County
Instagram Page:
4hferguspetroleumcounty

IMPORTANT WEB PAGES

Montana State University Printable Documents & Fliers
<http://fergus.msueextension.org/printable-4-h-ag-documents-fliers.html>

Montana State University Fergus County 4-H Clubs
<http://fergus.msueextension.org/4H.html>

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

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Public Speaking & Gavel Games Registration

Due March 11th

Contest on *Sunday afternoon, March 23rd* at the Lewistown Boys and Girls Club
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, 2024)

____ 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, 2024), of the **OLDEST** member on your team.

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

*Please refer to these documents saved in shared documents in ZSuite

Gavel Games County Contest Guidelines

Public Speaking Tips, Times and more

Special scheduling needs _____

4-H Junior Camp Counselors Application- due to the Extension Office by Thursday, February 15th

Name _____ Phone _____ Text? Yes No

Age as of Oct. 1, 2024 _____ Email _____

Counselors must be 14 by October 1, 2024. Counselor assistants are 13 by October 1, 2024.

____ Camp Director (must be 16 or older and have served as a counselor for at least one previous year)

____ Counselor Assistant (13-year-olds)

Please rank the following, 1-7, 1 being most liked and 7 being least, according to your interests and abilities.

____ Organize and Lead Check in Craft Activity (1) and Craft Workshops (2)

____ Organize and Lead Dance Workshop and Build Energy and Desire to Dance at the Dance

____ Plan, Organize and Lead structured Camp Fire Ceremonies (2)

____ Plan, Organize and Lead structured Flag Ceremonies (4), Opening and Closing Ceremonies

____ Plan, Organize and Lead Get Acquainted Games (1 hour), and Game times (1 hr. Wed., 1/2 hr. Thurs.)

____ Plan Organize and Lead Evening Activity's (Tues. 2 ½ hours structured activity(s), Wed. 2 ½ hour dance).

____ Plan and Organize a 1-hour workshop that is not a craft, dance, or game. (3 positions available).

Please answer all the following questions, carefully and completely.

What are your hobbies, what do you do in your free time? _____

Please describe any camps you have attended and your experience at them. _____

Describe your experience working with younger children. _____

Explain your understanding of a camp counselors' responsibilities. _____

Explain what is involved in planning, organizing, and leading an activity at camp. _____

Explain what being a "team player" with the other counselors would involve. _____

I have carefully read the Job Description for Camp Counselors and believe I can fulfill those responsibilities.

Signature

____/____/____
Date

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)
- 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.

Senior Camp 2025

Registration Due, May 12th

Registration fee—**TBD** 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 June 1, 2025 _____ DOB ___/___/___ Email
address _____ Cell Phone _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Health History _____

Meal Preferences _____

Yes No I give permission for my child to be given Tylenol, Antacid or Benadryl.

I give permission, if needed, for _____ to be transported to the Emergency Room.

Parent Signature

Date

Code of Conduct

I will conduct myself in a positive, responsible, polite manner at all times. I will be respectful to others, the facilities and my surroundings. I will participate with a desire to learn. I will not associate with others that are behaving inappropriately. I will stay in the designated area unless I have permission from the camp organizers and my parents to leave. I will not go into the sleeping quarters of the opposite sex and I will be respectful of curfew/lights out.

No; alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or inappropriate attire. I will report 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.

Members Signature

Parents Signature



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: _____

Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

4-H Club: _____

Year in 4-H: _____

Please list the 4-H projects enrolled in and the number of years completed.

Projects:

Years:

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 **4-H Scholarship**



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