

May 4-H Newsletter

2025

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.

Fair Entry Changes Deadline July 1st

July/August Newsletter will go out mid June with a printed copy showing what each member signed up for. Changes need to be made through the office by 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 Book Available

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.

Follow Us For Daily Fair Updates

Instagram Page: 4hferguspetroleumcounty

Facebook Group: 4-H Fergus/Petroleum County

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 2nd

- Grace Period Starts. \$5 per member to enter and entries must be done at the office.

June 15th

- Fair Entry Grace Period Ends

July 1st

- 1st: Fair Entry Changes Deadline
- 7th-9th: Pre Congress
- 9th-12th: Congress

Camp Registration Dates

- Cloverbud Camp May 30th
- Junior Camp June 11th
- Tween Camp July 28th
- Senior Camp May 30th

Fair Information Continued

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 fergus4h@montana.edu.

- Pre-fair Interview Day Set Up- Monday, July 15th, 9:00am to noon
- Pre-fair interview Clerking, Check In, Display Set Up- July 16th, 9:00am to 1:00pm
- Horse Show Set Up- July 17th, 5:00pm
- Foods and Gardening Interview Clerks, Check in- July 22nd, Noon to 3:00pm
- 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 placards- during the livestock sale on Friday
- Thank you note table- July 27th, 9am to Noon

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.

Food Booth Signup Information

June 2nd 5pm- The popular shifts fill up VERY FAST!

If you are worried about getting a shift that works for you, you NEED to be on your email at 5pm, ready to sign up your kids and yourself. Tip, click on multiple age groups for a shift first and then fill in the information. In the notes section put all the members you are signing up for a shift. I will edit it to have the right name in the right age group. This way if you have multiple members, you are not missing spots because you have to keep going back.

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. **You can go to the printable documents page NOW on our MSU website and see what shifts are available and times so you can know what to pick when you get on June 2nd.**

Notes:

- Seniors, Junior Superintendents (1 per species), and Ambassadors **DO NOT** have to sign up for a shift if they do not want to.
- **IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANIMALS, PLEASE SIGN UP FOR AN ANIMAL DAY!** We have many members that take multiple species and therefore cannot work shifts on Wed-Fri the week of fair. If you only take 1 or 2 species, work an animal day you do not have animals to show. If you do not take a large animal, please sign up on animal show days. We will be checking and moving people, if need be, to accommodate this if needed.
- 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 and removing anyone not in the correct age group. Age group can be your 4-H age or if you have had a birthday, your current age.
- 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, but please note we can only do so much and still be fair.

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

Fair Information Continued

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.

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 ultrasounded, you can get your check back.**

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 Setup/Teardown

In order to grantee that fair setup and tear down goes smoothly again this year, we will be continuing with the alternating setting up and tearing down of the fairgrounds. Clubs will alternate between setup and teardown every year. Please speak to your superintendent about pen assignments as they will be in charge of their section of the barn.

Fair Setup

New Horizons
Shamrocks
Silver Spurs
Snowy Mtn Trailblazers
Sunnyside Shiners
Winifred Mustangs

Fair Teardown

Big Sky
Christina Busy Bees
Creative Critters
Independent Members
Moore Barnstompers
Heart of the Judiths

Food Safety

May 12th Sheriff's Complex

5:30pm

Riley will be sending out a zoom link for people who still need food safety to join virtually. Please look at April 29th email from her for more details.



Josiah and Hadassah Plouffe and Hailey Gallagher attended the 4-H Foundation meeting this month to share their experience in 4-H and how our 4-H program contributes to the Montana 4-H Mission. They did an amazing job representing our 4-H program.

Fair Information Continued

FAIR BOOK:

CMTFAIR.COM (PREMIUM BOOK)

FORMS FOR PRINTING:

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

FAIR ENTRY:

<https://faireentry.com/>

Signup Genius (Food booth sign up)

Will be available in June

Food Safety Online:

Coming soon!

FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM

Daily Schedules and updates will be posted here 6am all through fair ~ Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H ~

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...

~ 4-H Fergus/Petroleum County ~

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.

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 May 1st

Theme:

"Take Ewe to the Fair 2025"

Fair Entry's Begin May 1 and Close June



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.

Awards & Scholarships

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

Bank of the Rockies Scholarship 2025 Due May 31st

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 Due June 1st

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.



Small Animal & Poultry Practice

4-4 Happenings

Camp Maiden Cleanup

Camp Maiden Clean Up – Helping clean up Camp Maiden is a great community service project. There are many things that can be done. Washing windows, sweeping, cleaning bathrooms and some fixing. If you want to help for a few hours, please contact the office with your availability.

Photography Workshop

May 12th Small Animal Barn 5:30pm

May 12th at 5:30 pm at the small animal barn. Bring your photography skills to a new level with learning how to take an amazing action shot. During this workshop you will be taking pictures of dogs as they practice their agility and performances. Please bring your camera and your excitement for building and/or refining your action skills.

Static Committee Meeting

May 19th Extension Office Noon

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.

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.

Radio Spots

May 9th, 23rd, and 30th 10:10am Call in, stop in, prerecord with Heidi or send in clip to Heidi

Join in on marketing, educating and communication skills. I have been listening, and it is great to hear you talking about your projects. Our community listens and this is a great way to inform them of your projects and put a bug in their ear about the auctions. You don't know what to say? Heidi will ask questions just like you are sitting around talking. You guys got this!

Leaders Council Meeting

June 30th Sheriff's Complex 5:30pm

Leaders' Council meeting is June 30th at 5:30 at the Sheriff's complex.

We will be touching base to ensure we are ready for fair, and what comes after. Please join us to give your input.

Leather Workshop TBD

Leather workshop TBD please look for an email with further information.

**REMINDER- ALL CLUBS NEED
TO BE SENDING IN THE CLUB
MEETING MINUTES.**

Small Animal

Dog Practice

Small Animal Barn- Lewistown Fairgrounds

We will start at 5:30pm., all classes will be outside the Small Animal Barn at the fairgrounds. We will start at 5:30pm.

Dates:

- Monday, May 12th
- Thursday, May 15th
- Monday, May 19th

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

Contact Nicole Tholt with any questions.

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

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!

Rabbit and Poultry Practice

May 15th Small Animal Barn 5:30pm

- **Agility course is set up, bring your animals to practice showmanship.**

Livestock

Sheep & Goat Tags Due May 15th

Sheep & Goat 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 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. **RSVP**

Sheep & Goat Tag pictures and weigh sheets are due back to the office by May 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.

Optional Sheep Weigh-in Day May 15th at 6pm

Please swing by the office between now and then to pick up ear tags and weigh sheets. and RSVP if you would like help with weighing and tagging.

Poultry Production Workshop May 27th Time and Location TBD

- On May 27th 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.

Livestock Committee Meeting May 12th at 6pm

We will continue to plan for the 2025 Central Montana Fair Youth Livestock Show.

Animal Quality Assurance (TQA) May 5th 4pm Sheriff's Complex

This class will be at the Sheriff's Complex on May 5th at 4pm, anyone is welcome to come. This TQA will be geared towards older members, but any age group can come and complete the class.

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)yrs. 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.

*Livestock Judging Practice
May 14th & 28th
4pm Ext Office
Anyone is welcome to come!*

Horse

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

Due June 1st

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.

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

Ranch Horse

May 10th Fairgrounds Pavillion 8am warmup and 9am start time

The ranch horse clinic will be held May 10th at the fairgrounds. Curt Pate is our clinician. Level 1 and first-year level 2 will go in the morning from 8-12. Second-year level 2 and up will be from 1-5 p.m.

Performance Horse

May 31st and June 1st Fairgrounds Pavillion 8am warmup and 9am start time

The performance horse clinic will be held May 31st and June 1st. Chris Brown from Billings is our clinician. Both days will go from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Horse Committee Meeting

Due June 16th Extension Office 5:30pm

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 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 Judging
Practice
May 21st 4pm
Ext Office*

Congress

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 /

Camps



Cloverbud Camp Counselor Meeting Time and Date TBD

Camp Meetings TBD please look for an email with further information.

Cloverbud Camp June 2nd Registration Due May 30th

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 30th

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. We are still working to plan the camp in its entirety, but we will be headed outside Paradise Valley tucked in the mountains of Emigrant, Montana. We will be working as a team on a rope course, learn the art of fishing, practice our etiquette, work on life skills such as cooking a meal on a budget, and maybe check out some grizzly bears.

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

Camp Meetings TBD please look for an email with further information.

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 July 28th



We're incredibly excited about our 4-H Tween Camp adventure to West Glacier from August 7-10th! 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 Fee: \$60 Registration Due June 28th. Registration Forms available: Extension Office, MSU webpage under printable documents, and on ZSuites, you also can sign up in ZSuites under events.

Senior and Tween Camp Signups

Camp registration for Senior and Tweeny camp need to be done in ZSuites & by paper form. These camps are multi county and we need to allow them to see the numbers registered also.



Did You Know

Livestock Did You Know

Families can tag a family animal of any species that can be used as a backup in the event that an animal does not make it to fair. This family animal is only to be used in the event that a project animal dies or is deemed unable to show, an animal not making the minimum weight requirement is not a valid reason to use a family animal at the Central Montana Fair.

Horse Did You Know

Each class has a specific dress code. Look in the Horse Rule Book to find out more.

Did You Know

In 4-H competition is there to support education, not the opposite!

Did You Know

Yearly completion of your project does not require you to take an item to fair in that project. If you have your record books completed (Financials, what I did and what I learned, and your my 4-H year) turned into your leader by September 1, you can complete the year in the project.

Did You Know

Back Tags are required when in the show ring even if you are showing another member's animal for them (it should be that member's number you wear). Two back tags will be issued to each member in their packet at their first show at the fair. It is the member's responsibility to keep their backtags in a safe place for use at their next show. If you lose yours there will be blank tags available to use at the ambassador ribbon table. You will not be allowed in the show ring without one.

Did You Know

Working at the food booth is a requirement of our 4-H families. The food booth was created to provide a healthy inexpensive way for our families to eat during the busy days of the fair. In addition to helping our families the food booth is a great way to promote 4-H and it is also a service to our community. The food booth is one of our biggest networks to show the impact 4-H has on its members.

Shoutout Page

Golden Triangle Jack Pot

**Kade Vanek 4th overall Heifer
Grace Bartos NILE Merit Heifer Class Winner**



*Congratulations
Kade Vanek
Christina Busy
Bees*

*Congratulations
Grace Bartos
New Horizons*



Shoutout Page

Farm Safety Day



Ambassadors facilitated their annual Farm Safety Day.

They had an estimate of 275 participants and volunteers. They had 9 stations educating about agricultural safety and daily farm life. The ambassadors invited our local electric company, horse and cattle experts, farm equipment facilitators and our local Farm Bureau members provided grain and ATV safety. This year we added bear safety brought to us from Montana FWP since we are seeing more bears moving into our area. We also had our local Extension Office provide chemical safety. The Cattle Women's Association also touched on what parts of the cows we use in everyday products, while playing bingo giving a nicely rounded look into agriculture and how we take part in it every day. The ambassadors provided a Soil Sam kit (providing the opportunity to learn about photosynthesis) and a farm safety packet for the kids to do when they are back in their class, continuing their experience.

Ambassadors



Shoutout Page

Traveling Farm

The Fergus County Ambassadors organized and led their annual traveling farm. 4-H members and their animals traveled to 7 area facilities to brighten the day of our community. We had pigs, rabbits, a rooster, guinea pigs, and a goat.

From left to right back row - Aubrey Hankins, Hailey Gallagher, Wyatt Wichman, Lexie Wichman, Josiah Plouffe

Front row left to right - Hadassah Plouffe & Cassandra Yaeger

Not pictured are the pigs - Jack-Jack & Mr. Incredible

Moore Barnstompers, Creative Critters, Snowy Mtn Trail Blazers Club Members



Snowy Mtn Trail Blazers
Josiah Plouffe



Creative Critters
Hailey Gallagher



Josiah Plouffe &
Hadassah Plouffe



Delci Plouffe

Shoutout Page

Volunteer Appreciation Week

We had 5 amazing members come and make candles for our volunteers, Cassie Yaeger, Klara Dunphy, Hailey Gallagher, Kylie & Clara Crawford & Aubrey Hankins. April 20-26th was Volunteer Appreciation Week. If you are a registered volunteer, please make sure you stop and get your candle. You are truly the light to our program. I want you all to know that we have the most amazing 4-H program because of you! Thank you for your support to "Make the Best Better".



Secret Agent Savings

Secret Agent Savings was held last Sunday by the Bank of The Rockies staff. Members of the Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H were sworn in as secret agents and helped two young girls learn the ins and outs of being safe, conscientious and conservative with their money. Stay tuned for more financial literacy programs throughout this year.

Cloverbud Food Safety Workshop

Thank you to our 4-H Ambassadors for helping the Cloverbuds get a visual of all they learned in their food safety class. The kids had a blast and are ready to serve in the Food booth this year at the 2025 CMT Fair.



4-H Calendar

May

1st- Fair Entry Begins

- State Awards Application Due

5th- TQA 4pm Sheriff's Complex

9th- Radio 10:10am

10th- Ranch Horse Clinic

12th-Photography Workshop 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

- Dog Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn
- Food Safety 5:30pm Sheriff's Complex
- Livestock Committee Meeting 6pm Sheriff's Complex

14th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office

15th- Sheep & Goat Tag Info Due

- Option Sheep & Goat Weigh-in 6pm Pavilion (RSVP)
- Static Intent to Sell Forms Due
- Rabbit & Poultry Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn
- Dog Practice 5:30pm Small Animal Barn

19th- Static Committee Meeting 12pm Ext Office

21st- Horse Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office

23rd- Radio Spot 10:10am

26th- Office Closed Memorial Day

27th- Poultry Production Workshop Time & Location TBD

28th- Livestock Judging Practice 4pm Ext Office

30th-Cloverbud Day Camp Reg Due

- Senior Camp Registration Due
- Radio 10:10am

31st- Bank of the Rockies Scholarship application due

- Performance Horse Clinic Day 1

August

7th-10th- Tween Camp

June Continued

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

- Food Booth Sign-ups start 5pm (email link)
- Fair Entry Grace Period Starts. \$5 Ext Office

2nd-15th- Fair Entry Grace period \$5 Reg in Office

9th-13th- Senior Camp

11th- Junior Camp Registration Due

15th- Fair Entry Final Deadline

16th- Small Animal Showmanship Clinic & Meeting 5:30pm & 6:30pm

- Horse Committee Meeting 5:30pm Ext Office

24th-26th- Junior Camp

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

July

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

28th- Tweeny Camp Registration Due

September

1st- Office Closed Labor Day

October

1st- New 4-H Year Enrollment Begins.

1st- 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 Phone _____ Land Line _____

Parents Name _____ Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Other Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Allergies _____

Medications _____

Health History _____

____ 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 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.

Members Signature

Parents Signature

SENIOR CAMP 2025

MAKING CONNECTIONS AND CONQUERING OBSTACLES: AMB WEST CHALLENGE COURSE

JUNE 9TH-13TH

We are 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. We are still working to plan the camp in its entirety, but we will be headed outside Paradise Valley tucked in the mountains of Emigrant, MT.

We will be working as a team on a rope course, learn the art of fishing, practice our etiquette, work on life skills such as cooking a meal on a budget, and maybe check out some grizzly bears.

Registration Due May 12th.

Located at the [Mountain Sky Guest Ranch](#) in Emigrant, Montana, the Challenge Course is just a short distance from [West Creek Ranch](#). 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+**

\$60

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

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Name _____ Age on August 2nd, 2024 _____ 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 _____

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

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Members Signature

Parents Signature



PLEASE JOIN US

JUNIOR CAMP 2025

*Explorer's of
the Deep*

**JUNE 24TH-26TH
CAMP MAIDEN**

REGISTRATION DUE JUNE 11TH

AGES 8-11 ON JUNE 24TH

\$30

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 ____/____/____ 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 chaperone if needed? Yes/No Father _____ Mother _____

Shirt Size _____ 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

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Members Signature

Parents Signature

Tween Camp

\$60
Fee

Reg Due July 28th

2025

Adventure in West Glacier

August 7th-10th

We can't wait to connect with nature, learn new skills, and make lasting memories!

Hiking, Swimming & Fishing

Campfire & Games

Flathead County
Fair and Dance

Lunch in
Rock City

West Glacier KOA

Glacier National
Park

4-H Tween Camp 2025 – West Glacier KOA— August 7th-10th

Registration Due, July 28th, 2025

Registration fee – \$60- paid to Fergus 4-H

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

Scan and email to fergus@montana.edu

Name _____ Grade _____ 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 chaperone if needed? Yes/No Father _____ Mother _____

____ Yes ____ No

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Parent Signature

Date

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Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Indoor Project Auction

INTENT TO SELL FORM

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

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

Name _____ Phone _____ Age _____
Address _____
Email _____ 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 **AND member must have an up-to-date 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)
- ☐ 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.



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 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