

4-H NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

FERGUS-PETROLEUM COUNTY

Upcoming Dates & Events

- May 5 | Horse Committee Meeting
- May 9 | Performance Horse Clinic Day 2
- May 11 | Fair Entry Opens
- May 11 | Livestock Committee Meeting
- May 15 | Lamb & goat weigh & tag deadline.
 - Get your tags from the office.
- May 18 | Static Committee Meeting
 - Noon @ Extension Office
- May 20 | Senior Camp Registration Closes
- May 22 | Cloverbud Camp Registration Due
- May 30 | Ranch Horse Clinic
- June 15 | Fair Entry Closes
- June 30 | Food Safety Training - LAST CHANCE!
 - 11 am and 1 pm, location TBD
- July 20 | Fair Interview Day: All projects!

Announcements

Indoor/Static Auction Intent to sell forms

due May 15 - form included

Sheep & Goat Tags

Information due back to the office
by May 15th

Small Animal Showmanship Clinic

early June

Ranch Horse Clinic

May 30th @ 11am and 1pm

Horse ID Cards

ID Cards are due June 1st. be sure
to include photos and vaccine
records.

Food Safety Training and Animals

Quality Assurance

Contact Extension Office for details

Food Booth Sign Ups

Keep an eye out for Food Booth
sign-up

Fair Entry

Fair Entry will be up and running
May 11th and will remain open
through the June 15th

Fair interviews

Fair interviews will be on July 20th
absentee interviews will be July 14th

4-H Committee Minutes

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

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



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Performance Horse Clinic

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

4-H Working Ranch Horse Clinic

Location: Bill and Delci Plouffe's arena
1102 Clark Ave
Lewistown, Mt

-Level 3 and 4 will be in the morning from 9:30 to 12. JR Vezain will be helping with basic cow work and boxing. We will have a mechanical flag on hand for fundamental training.

-Level 1 and 2 will be in the afternoon from 1 to 3. We will be working on basic rope handling and safety. We will also be working on safety with how to dally along with basic ground roping skills. Only a saddle and a rope is needed for this practice. We will have further practices through out the summer using horses and a roping dummy to hone the skills learned during this clinic.

If interested in attending, please call Bill Plouffe at 1-406-390-2057.

Cost: \$25/person

Additional Working Ranch Horse Practices.

-Starting June 3rd at 5:30: Wednesday night practices. (No practice June 10th.)

-Addition cow work practices in June will be the 2nd and 16th.

-July cow work date TBA

Any questions call Bill Plouffe at 1-406-390-2057

Food Booth

Teresa Young is working with the 4-H Leaders Council to develop the Sign-up Genius for the year. Please keep an eye out for an email after May 15th.

4-H Camps

Cloverbud Camp \$5

June 8, 9:30-4:00, First Christian Church

Junior Camp @ Camp Maiden

week of 6/22-25

Tween Camp @ Fort Benton

August 10-12th

Senior Camp - Rangers Station at Crystal Lake

June 3-5th

Scholarship Winners

Your winners of the 2026 Fergus 4-H Scholarship are:

Jaden Martin - Leaders Council Scholarship
Laredo Hagenbuch - Leaders Council Scholarship
Caitlynn Poser - Open Box Scholarship

Fair Interviews

This year we will be condensing the fair interview day to **Monday, July 20th** in order to minimize the number of trips people must make to town and so that all projects can interview the same day. The makeup interview day will be July 14th if you cannot make the July 20th date. Contact the MSU Extension Office to schedule for the makeup day.

Thank You Tractor Supply!

THANK YOU TO TRACTOR SUPPLY - for having 4-H setup a table and interact with its customers during their Paper Clover Campaign and for the \$50 gift card. Total donations received to be announced!

THANK YOU TRACTOR SUPPLY CO[®]

FOR THE 2026 PAPER CLOVER CAMPAIGN & GIFT CARD



APRIL 17 - MAY 3 CUSTOMERS CAN PURCHASE PAPER CLOVERS AT CHECKOUT IN-STORE OR ONLINE, WITH A PERCENTAGE OF THOSE FUNDS DONATED **DIRECTLY BACK TO OUR FERGUS/PETROLEUM COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM.**



BRIELLA & COOPER ARNTZEN SHARED THEIR 4-H PROJECTS WITH CUSTOMERS ON APRIL 25TH. TRACTOR SUPPLY DONATED A \$50 GIFT CARD TO OUR PROGRAM.

Monthly Calendar



May
2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31					1	2
3	4	5 Horse Committee Meeting	6	7	8	9 Performance Horse Clinic
10	11 Livestock Committee Meeting	12	13	14	15 Sheep & Goat Tags Due	16
17	18 Static Committee Meeting	19	20 Sr Camp Registration Due	21	22 Cloverbud Camp Registration Due	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Ranch Horse Clinic

Fergus/Petroleum County 4-H Indoor Project Auction

INTENT TO SELL FORM

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

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

Or email to: teresa.young3@montana.edu

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

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

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

4-H AGE ON OCT.1: _____

CONTACT EMAIL: _____

PROJECT & LEVEL: _____ YEARS IN PROECT: _____

ITEM #1 DESCRIPTION: _____

PROJECT & LEVEL: _____ YEARS IN PROECT: _____

ITEM #2 DESCRIPTION: _____

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

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

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

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

4-H Cloverbud Day Camp 2026
4-H Rodeo

Registration Due May 22nd

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

Return to the Fergus County Extension Office, 712 West Main, Suite 110, Lewistown, MT 59457 or email to fergus@montana.edu or teresa.young3@montana.edu

Name _____ Club: _____
Gender _____ Year in Cloverbuds: _____ DOB ____/____/____
Parent/Guardian 1: _____ Cell Phone _____
Parent/Guardian 2: _____ Cell Phone _____
Land Line _____ Email _____
Other Emergency Contact: _____ relationship: _____
Cell Phone _____ Land Line _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Relevant Health History: _____

____ Yes ____ No I consent for basic first aid attention, to include bandages, over the counter pain reliever, or topical antihistamine. 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. No; alcohol, non-prescription drugs, weapons or inappropriate attire. I will give all prescription or over the counter drugs I bring to the extension agent or certified leader. 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

No child will be refused due to inability to pay.

4-H Junior 2026– Be a Superhero

Registration Due, June 12

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 22, 2026 _____ 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 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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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